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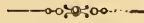
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND,

1886.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Monday
April 2
Church, on Monday, the 26th day
of April, 1886, at Six o'clock p.m.

Which time and place the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Divine
Service England, and Ruling Elders, Commissioners to the Synod of said Church, appointed to be held at London this day, convened; and Public Worship was conducted—in the absence of the Rev. ROBERT TAYLOR, of Upper Norwood, Moderator of last Synod—by the Rev. ROBERT H. LUNDIE, M.A., of Fairfield, Liverpool, Moderator of the previous Synod, who preached from 1 Sam. xxv. 10, 11 :—‘ And Nabal answered David’s servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse?’ &c.

Thereafter, and the services of the sanctuary having been concluded, Constitutional the Synod was constituted with prayer, by Mr. LUNDIE; and the names of the Ministers and Elders on the Clerk’s Roll were laid on the table as follow :—

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PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William Ferguson James Muir James Towers } William Hutton } James Fraser, M.A. * David Henderson * Alex. M. Symington, D.D.	Mr. John T. Spencer W. Greewood W. Baldwin George Young * John J. Evans W. H. Forde	Barrow-in-Furness Birkenhead, Egremont " Grange Road " Hamilton " Rockferry " St. Andrew's

PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL—*continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. A. Bryce Muir	Mr. J. Langman	Birkenhead, St. Paul's
* Alexander MacLeod, D.D.	William Johnston	„ Trinity, Claughton
	Thomas Matheson	„ West Kirby
James H. Collicie, M.A.	* James Innes	Bootle, Peel Road
* James Bodel, B.A.	John Boyd	„ Trinity
* Geo. Lewis, <i>Emeritus</i> }	James Taylor	Chester, Chester
John Mitchell, B.D. }	James G. Thomson	„ Parkgate
John Towert, M.A., B.D.	John Macfarlane	„ Sutton
* Jas. Fettes, <i>Emeritus</i> }	Captain A. McQueen	Isle of Man, Douglas
Joseph Forrest, M.A. }	Mr. Gainsford Bruce, Q.C.	„ Ramsey
W. A. Cathcart	Rev. A. M. Halket	Liverpool, Canning Street
* Simeon R. Macphail, M.A.	Mr. Joseph Sheldon	„ Everton Valley
Thos. McPherson, M.A.	Archd. Ferguson	„ Fairfield
Robert H. Lundie, M.A.	* Edward Paul	„ Islington
* Patrick White	Alexander Armour	„ Mount Pleasant
Jno. M. Mackenzie, M.A.	J. M. Small	„ Princes Road
Archibald Gardner	George Contie, M.A.	„ Queen's Road
Hugh T. Howat, D.D.	* John Japp	„ St. George's
Robert Duff, M.A.	* Robert Greenshields	„ St. Peter's
James Barles	* Thomas Holder	„ Sefton Park
* John Watson, M.A.	George Duncan	„ [Shaw Street
Walter Macfarlane, B.Sc.	* W. J. Brown	„ Trinity
George Johnstone, M.A., B.D., <i>Clerk</i>	John McIntyre	„ Union
* A. Bannerman Barkway	John Sprott	„ Vauxhall Road
* James Macandrew	John Edward Lewis	„ Walton
James McMurchy, B.D.	W. H. Weightman	„ Waterloo
* John J. Muir, F.L.S.	* L. Leitch	St. Helens
James Brown	J. H. Waterhouse	Southport
James Mellis, M.A.		

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William Chalmers, D.D.		
Principal, and Professor of Theology		
William Graham, D.D., Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology		
W. Gray Elmslie, M.A., Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis		
John Gibb, D.D., Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Biblical Criticism		
Theodore J. Meyer, Missionary to Jews in London		
John Black, Gen. Sec.		
W. J. B. Roome, F.R.A.S.	Mr. W. Reavell	<i>Alderney</i>
Thomas Curry	John Bell	Aldershot
J. W. Rodger	J. Monteath Douglas	Aston Tyrrold
* William Fraser, M.A.	* Allan Mackay	Bournemouth
Alex. Hamilton, D.D.	Evan Cameron	Brighton, Queen's Road
		„ Trinity

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—*continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Andrew Lees	Mr. Samuel Lefevre	<i>Cambridge</i>
Robert Hanna, B.A.	Robert T. Turnbull	Canterbury
	Imrie Bell	Chatham
	James Blest	Croydon
H. Carruthers Wilson,	George Brown	Darenth
M.A.		Eastbourne
Ellis Hewitt	William Farquharson	Edenbridge
Robert Balgarnie, D.D.	W. H. Summers	Gravesend
Henry Millican	Rev. John Kelly	Guernsey
Ralph Haddon		Highfields, Withyham
	Sir G. B. Pechell, Bart.	Holybourne
Alexander Jeffrey	Mr. Thomas Hunter	Ipswich
	Patrick Neill	Jersey
James Ferguson	W. Carruthers	Lewes
* Adolph Saphir, D.D.	Dr. John Dewar	London, Belgrave
		" Bermondsey
J.H.Thomson, M.A., B.D.	* Mr. James W. Butler	" Blackheath
	Robert Wales	" Bow
* Hugh McIntosh, M.A.	Samuel McKee	" Brockley
J. Reid Howatt	Andrew Burnett	" Camberwell
R. M. Thornton, B.A.	Alex. Clark, M.A.	" Camden Road
* George Wilson, M.A.		" Canonbury
David MacEwan, D.D.	James E. Russell	" Clapham Road
Matthew Davison	William Drake	" Clapton
	J. Muir Leitch	" College Park
Andrew C. Murphy,	James R. Wotherspoon	" Crouch Hill
M.A., D.Lit.		
Gavin Carlyle, M.A.	James Robertson	" Ealing
		" East Dulwich
William H. Edmonds	D. Gibb	" East India Road
William Martin, M.A.	Robert S. Smith	" Forest Hill
George Elder, M.A.	David Dickie	" Greenwich
Henry Miller	Rev. Samuel Huston	" Hammersmith
John Matheson, M.A.	Mr. Matthew Little	" Hampstead
John Edmond, D.D.		
Peter Carmichael,	Charles D. Double	" Highbury
M.A., B.D. }		
* J. Thain Davidson, D.D.	Joseph Maxwell	" Islington
Charles Moinet, M.A.	W. L. Watson	" Kensington
Charles J. Whitmore	Hugh M. Matheson	" Kentish Town
Thomas Anderson	John Y. Henderson	" Kingston and
		Surbiton
Donald Fraser, D.D.	Archbd. Macnicoll	" Marylebone
Thomas J. Dixon	Walter Pope	" Millwall
William Dale	Thomas W. Thacker	" New Barnet
Hugh S. Paterson, M.D.	* Robert Main	" Notting Hill
Duncan Sillars	Edward E. Crombie	" Oxendon
Donald Matheson, M.A.	T. R. Arnott	" Putney
J. Oswald Dykes, D.D.	Adam Thomson	" Regent Square
John Mauchlen	William Garden	" Richmond
* J. Monro Gibson, D.D.	John R. MacDonald	" St. John's Wood
Francis Slade	John Leggat	" Silvertown
Z. B. Woffendale	Henry Starck	" Somers Town
* Verner M. White, LL.D.	W. T. Wilson	" South Kensington
Hugh M. Mackenzie	Peter Johnston	" Southwark
	James Smith	" Stepney
* A. Crighton Alexander	James Porteous	" Stoke Newington
George Wilson, M.A.	* Charles Kynoch	" Stratford
W. A. Macphail, M.A.	* John Brough	" Streatham

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—*continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William Anderson, D.D.	Mr. A. Sandison	London, Tooting
David Fotheringham	John Scadlock	" Tottenham
* Robert Taylor	Rev. W. Wright, D.D.	" Upper Norwood
		" <i>Verulam, Ken-</i> <i>nington</i>
* William Harris	Mr. George Roe	" Victoria Docks?
Jas. Cunningham, M.A.	James Hart	" Wandsworth
Walter Morison, D.D.	Edward Toccock	" Westbourne Grove
* W. Burton Alexander	Frederick Brett	" Whitefield
* James Durran, M.A.	S. L. Worth	" Willesden
	W. H. Kirkaldy	" Wimbledon
William Ballantyne, } <i>Emeritus, Clerk</i> }	A. H. Fitzgerald	" Wood Green
Duncan Macrae }	John Edgar	" Woolwich, New Road
* William M. Thom- }		" St. Andre w's
son, <i>Emeritus</i> }		
* William Raitt, Ph.D. }		
* James A. Rentoul, B.A., LL.D.	T. Muir Grant	Norwich
William A. McAllan	Alexander B. Inglis	Portsmouth
Andrew Halliday, M.A.		Rangoon
* William Kidd	Robert Morton	Reading
Nathaniel A. Ross, M.A., LL.B.		
Wm. Armstrong, M.A.	Edward R. Smith	St. Leonard's, Silverhill
J. Jeffrey Johnstone	John Hume	" Warrior Sq.
* Alex. S. McPhee, M.A., B.D.	* Jasper Young	Singapore
W. Harvey-Jellie	Rev. F. Stewart Sandeman	Southampton, St. Andrew'
John Johnstone	* Dr. J. H. Aldridge J.P.	" Totton
* Wesley A. Rodger	Mr. John Johnstone	" Woolston
James Stuart, M.A.	Richard Wicks	Wallington

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
* Rev. Arthur McArthur	* Mr. Thomas P. Lourie	Blackburn, Mount St.
* A. B. Grosart, D.D., LL.D.	James Walmsley	" St. George's
J. Boston Johnstone	Robert Alexander	Bolton
Robert S. Coffey	* Alexander Shewan	Bradford
Robert W. Roberts	A. E. Fitzgerald	Crewe
W. Edmund Crothers	Samuel Smart	Leeds, Cavendish Road
William A. S. Croall		" St. Columba
Walter Duncan, M.A.	Alexander Forrest	Manchester, Ancoats
	H. R. Dawson	" Bowdon
W. Rigby Murray	Thomas Hall	" Brunswick St.
W. D. Fairbairn, M.A.	Robert Coutts	" Eccles
* James Brown	G. B. Blair	" Grosvenor Sq.
William Young, B.A.	* Louis M. Hayes	" Higher Broughton
Alex. Bannatyne, M.A.	Robert Macgregor	" Longsight
John Robertson, M.A.	John Muir	" Pendleton
J. Thoburn McGaw, M.A.	John Ewan	" Sale
John Reid, M.A.		" Salford
James Lees	William Lindsay	" St. Andrew's
William McCaw, D.D., <i>Synod Clerk</i>	Nathaniel McClinton	" Trinity
John Selater	John Reekie	" Whalley Range
Benjamin Bell, M.A., B.D.	John Oswald	" Withington
		Oldham
Samuel Macnaughton, M.A.	* James Purves	Preston
W. Hume Elliot	* W. F. Russell	Ramsbottom

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER—*continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
* Rev. Jas. Cleland, <i>Emeritus</i> }	Thomas Wightman	Risley
William Dunn }		Rochdale
* William Tees	Thomas C. Elliot	Sheffield
William Marcus, M.A.	James Paterson	Warrington
Jas. Warnock, M.A., B.D.	James McAlpine	Wharton
Jno. Gordon, M.A., <i>Clerk</i>	Crawford Allan	Wigan
Enoch Franks		

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
* Rev. William W. Ney	Mr. John Armstrong	Bellingham
Alexander Baillie		Blackhill
James Craig		Blyth, Bridge Street
Peter Peace, M.A.	Jacob Kenleyside	„ Waterloo Road
Alexander L. Henderson	George Moffat	Durham
M. Gardiner Campbell,	George Philipson	Falstone
M.A.		
Robert Stewart, M.A.	Adam Beattie	Gateshead, Durham Road
	William J. S. Scott	„ Ellison Street
John Reid, jun., M.A.	William Sutton	Gosforth
Alexander Lobban	John Littlejohn	Hebburn
John M. Wilson	John S. Young	Hexham
* James Milligan, D.D.	David Balfour	Houghton-le-Spring
* John C. Weir	* John Price	Jarrow, Ellison Street
	Dr. J. Johnstone Weir	„ St. Kilda's
	* George Bell, jun.	Killingworth
	James Thompson	Newcastle, Barras Bridge
* George Bell }	Alexander McLeod	„ Blackett Street
Jno. B. Hastings, M.A. }	Alexander Morrison	„ Erskine
Richard Leitch	William Jobson	„ Heaton
Robert Brown	James Gall	„ John Knox
* James Carswell, M.A.	George H. Elliot	„ St. George's
Alex. Phimister, M.A.	John Nesbit	„ Trinity
James G. Potter	John Dick	„ Westmoreland
John B. Meharry, B.A.		„ Road
* John Thompson, M.A.	William Harrison	North Shields, Howard St.
	Joshua Hall	„ Northumber-
		land Square
David Tasker	Robert Brydon	Seaham
William T. Bankhead,	James Renton	Seaton Burn
M.A., B.D.	Alexander Purvis	Seaton Delaval
John King, M.A.	Samuel Malcolm	South Shields, Laygate
Thomas Robinson	Michael Hodgson	„ Mile End Rd.
John Brown	Septimus Oliver	„ St. John's
Sylvester M. McClelland	Walter Scott	„ St. Paul's
William Steele, M.A.	John Renton, jun.	Stamfordham
James Mackenzie, <i>Clerk</i>	John Thompson	Sunderland, Millfield
* J. G. Walton, M.A., B.D.	Magnus Mail	„ N. Bridge St.
* David Merson, M.A., B.D.	Robert Murray	„ St. George's
* Daniel Patterson, M.A.	John Porteous, jun.	„ St. Stephen's
J. T. Middlemiss		
William Dryburgh,		
M.A., B.D.		
* John Parker, <i>Emeri-</i>	* William Cleugh	„ Smyrna
<i>tus</i> }	G. N. Arnison	„ Trinity
John W. Ellison, M.A. }	William Spiers	„ Swallow
James S. Rae	Robert J. Gibson	„ Walker
	* Joseph Davidson	„ Wallsend
Gustavus J. Goodman	George B. Bruce	„ Wark
* Wm. Stuart, M.A., B.D.	John Mellis	„ Willington Quay
Forrest F. Young, M.A.		
James Craig		

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
* Rev. William Limont	* Mr. Luke Scott	Alnwick, Clayport Street
* David Donaldson	James Riddell	" Lisburn Street
Robert Macnair	John Bolam	" St. James's
Alexander Forsyth	* J. Storey	Bavington
R. J. Adamson, M.A.	John Girling	Bedlington
* Thomas Newlands	* George Waddell	Birdhopecraig
* James Blythe, M.A.	John Johnstone	Branton
* William S. Spence	James Ewing	Embleton
James Lemon	Robert Amos	Felton
* Robert H. Davidson	William Haddon	Glanton
John Scott	William T. Davison	Harbottle
* William R. Barrie	Mark Easton	Longframlington
* A. H. Drysdale, M.A.	W. S. Wilkinson	Morpeth
J. W. Black	William Buddles	Newbiggin
* Allan Wilson	* James Brown	North Middleton
George Henderson	Robert Millican	North Sunderland
Robert P. Douglas	Thomas H. Robson	Otterburn
* David S. Fergus, M.A.	Charles Macdonald	Thropton
* William Addison	J. R. Robertson	Warenford
Wm. Rogerson, <i>Clerk</i>	* J. Wilson	Warkworth
* Matthew Edwards, M.A.	Dr. L. Levi	Widdrington
* James L. Muirhead	* Mr. William Robson	Wooler, Cheviot Street
* Alexander McClellan	James Scott	" Tower Hill
* James McLeish	William Duncan	" West Chapel
* Alexander Gregory		

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS FROM THE UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Rev. George C. Hutton, D.D., <i>Ex-Moderator</i>	* <i>Ex-Lord Provost</i> Esslemont
James Orr, D.D.	* Provost Wilson
John Young	Baillie M'Niell
* R. S. Scott, D.D.	* Councillor Steel
* James Buchanan	* W. White-Millar
T. C. Kirkwood	* T. S. Bishop, <i>Elders</i>
John W. Dunbar, <i>Ministers</i>	

Note A.—The Places in *italics* in the preceding Roll are Preaching Stations.

Note B.—Members, whose names have an asterisk (*) prefixed, not having given in Attendance Cards, there is no record of their having been present at the Synod.

Elders'
Commissions.

The Clerk reported that he had received 265 Elders' Commissions, and that they are all in regular form.

The Synod receive the Report, and sustain all the Commissions.

Moderator
appointed.

The Rev. Robert H. Lundie reported, on behalf of the Board of Nomination, that the Board had met in the month of December, and had unanimously nominated the Rev. Alexander MacLeod, D.D., Minister at Claughton, Birkenhead, to be the Moderator of this Synod. It transpired, however, afterwards, that, owing to the impaired state of his health, Dr. MacLeod felt himself unable to undertake the duties of the Chair. The Board therefore met again in March, and with equal

unanimity nominated the Rev. David MacEwan, D.D., Minister at Clapham Road, London, to be the Moderator.

The Synod cordially confirmed the nomination, and Dr. MacEwan, by desire of the House, took the Chair and delivered a suitable address.

The Standing Orders of the last Synod were adopted, and were held as read. Standing Orders.

It was reported that the General Purposes Committee had, in accordance with the remit of last Synod, considered the Standing Orders bearing on the business of the Tuesday in the Synod week, and recommended that the following be adopted after Standing Order No. 2 for that day :—

3. That one hour thereafter be devoted to the reception of the Reports of Synod Deputies, *with Conference on the State of Religion*, after which the morning sitting to be devoted, so far as necessary, to the Reports of the Home, Jewish, and Foreign Missions as at present.

4. That the first hour of the evening sitting be devoted to such business as may be arranged ; that the two hours from seven till nine be allowed for Missionary Addresses ; the remainder of the evening to be devoted to ordinary business, as may be required.

The Synod receive this part of the Report of the General Purposes Committee, approve of the additional Clauses recommended, and instruct that they be appended to the orders already adopted.

The Synod called for the Report of the Ministerial Changes that have taken place during the past Synodical year, which Report was given in by the Clerk. Ministerial Changes.

The Synod receive the Report, and order that it be preserved along with the other Reports received by the House.

In connection with this Report the attention of the Synod was called to the death of the Rev. Dr. Mackay, late Minister of Prospect Street, Hull ; of the Rev. Robert Vint, of Southampton, and of Mr. Alexander Balfour, of Liverpool ; and the Synod resolved to appoint a Committee consisting of the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Dr. Fraser, and Mr. Hugh M. Matheson—Mr. Lundie, Convener—to prepare a suitable Minute with reference thereto, and report to a subsequent Sederunt. Memorial Minute.

The thanks of the Synod were recorded to the Rev. Robert Taylor for his conduct in the Chair at last meeting of Synod, and to the Rev. Robert H. Lundie for his kindness in conducting the Opening Thanks.

Services in the absence of the Moderator, and for the Sermon he has delivered.

Bills and
Business.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Bills and Business, appointed by last Synod, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve to take up the Roll of Business, so far as submitted, in the order therein suggested.

Committees.

The Synod appointed the following Committees:—

I.—Committee on Commissions and Records.

Ministers—Revs. W. S. Swanson, Alexander F. Douglas, Dr. Simpson, J. Howie Boyd, Dr. Symington, James Bodel, Walter Macfarlane, J. W. Rodger, William Fraser, Dr. Balgarnie, Charles Moinet, William Dale, David Fotheringham, Andrew Halliday, Dr. Grosart, Benjamin Bell, Richard Leitch, John B. Meharry, John Thompson, William Limont, and Alexander Forsyth. *Elders*—Messrs. J. G. Smieton, William Le Quesne, Thomas P. Dods, James Byers, Henry B. Livingston, Andrew Mouat, Lewis Stuart, Rev. A. M. Halket, Archibald Ferguson, George Contie, Thomas Holder, Rev. John Kelly, Patrick Neill, Dr. John Dewar, J. M. Leitch, William Garden, Rev. Dr. Wright, Thomas Hall, and Robert Amos. *Convener*—Rev. Charles Moinet. *Clerk*—Rev. John B. Meharry.

II.—Selection Committee.

Nominated by Presbyteries.—*Ministers*—Revs. J. Rorke, J. W. Miller, J. D. Watters, Edward Joyce, John Bogue, James Mellis, John Robertson (Manchester), James S. Rae, and William Rogerson. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Bell.

Conveners of Standing Committees.—*Ministers*—The Revs. the Moderator, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Edmond, Robert H. Lundie, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Gibson, Dr. Murphy, Dr. Muir, James Christie, and Dr. McCaw. *Elders*—Messrs. George B. Bruce, Hugh M. Matheson, Dr. Leone Levi, George Duncan, and Robert Wales. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. Muir. *Clerk*—Mr. Thomas Bell.

Applications
from Places.

The Synod took up Applications from the Presbytery of London in regard to the Preaching Stations at East Dulwich and Verulam, to the effect that the Presbytery be empowered to raise them to the status of sanctioned charges when they shall see cause so to do.

The Synod receive the Applications, and refer them to a Committee, with instructions to consider them and report to a future diet—the Committee to be nominated by the Selection Committee.

The Synod took up Applications from the London Presbytery in regard to Mr. D. Macintyre and Mr. William A. M. Thomson, Students in Theology, to the effect that the Presbytery be empowered to take them on trial for Licence as Preachers of the Gospel. Applications from Persons.

The Synod receive the Applications, and refer them to a Committee to be nominated by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider them, and report to a subsequent Sederunt.

The Synod took up Applications with reference to the Rev. John Matheson, the Rev. James Blythe, and the Rev. A. M. Halket, to the effect that they be recognised as *Emeriti* Ministers. The Synod receive the Applications, and refer them to the Committee indicated in the previous Minute. Ministers Emeriti.

The Synod took up Petitions from the Congregations of Spittal and Houghton-le-Spring, and referred them to a Committee to be nominated by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider them and report. Spittal and Houghton-le-Spring.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Darlington in regard to a case of discipline, and remitted it to the consideration of a Committee to be named by the Selection Committee. Reference.

The attention of the Synod was called to the fact that the Rev. Principal Chalmers has attained the jubilee of his ministry ; and a Committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, the Rev. Robert H. Lundie, and the Clerk, was appointed to prepare a suitable Minute congratulating the Rev. Principal on the interesting occasion. Principal Chalmers.

The Synod gave authority to the Presbytery of London and to the Presbytery of Manchester to meet to-morrow for special business. Presbyteries.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and thereafter for ordinary business ; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Tuesday,
April 27th.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Tuesday, the 27th day
of April, 1886, at Ten o'clock a.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Lord's Supper. The Synod proceeded to the observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, the Moderator conducting the Service, assisted by the Rev. J. T. McGaw, the Rev. Peter Carmichael, and the Rev. J. G. Train.

Business. The solemn service having been concluded, the Synod resumed its ordinary business.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of last evening's Sederunt were laid on the table, held as read, and were sustained.

Corresponding Members. The Synod proceeded to receive the Corresponding Members from the United Presbyterian Synod, when it was found that the following brethren had been commissioned by that Synod:—The Revs. the Moderator; R. S. Scott, D.D., Glasgow; James Orr, D.D., Melrose; James Buchanan, Edinburgh; John Young, Greenock; T. C. Kirkwood, Kelso; John W. Dunbar, Edinburgh, *Ministers*; with ex-Lord Provost Esslemont, Aberdeen; Provost Wilson, Greenock; Baillie McNiell, Perth; Councillor Steel, Edinburgh; W. White-Millar, Edinburgh; and T. S. Bishop, *Elders*.

Those of the brethren present were cordially welcomed by the Moderator; and the Rev. Dr. Hutton, Ex-Moderator of the United Presbyterian Synod, suitably responded.

Selection Committee. The Synod called for the Report of the Selection Committee, which was submitted by Mr. Thomas Bell, *Clerk*.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof appoint the following Committees, as authorised at last evening's Sederunt:—

1. On Applications in regard to Places: Revs. J. T. McGaw, Convener; W. Hutton, J. Rae, R. Cowan, *Ministers*; with Mr. Thomas Matheson, T. P. Dods, and Robert Amos, *Elders*.

2. On Applications in regard to Students: Revs. George Johnstone,

Convener; Dr. Millar Nicolson, and W. A. Walton, *Ministers*; with Mr. W. Sutton, *Elder*.

3. On Applications regarding Ministers *Emeriti*: Revs. Thomas Macpherson, Convener; Dr. Edmond, W. Rogerson, *Ministers*; with Mr. Andrew Mouat, *Elder*.

4. On the Petitions from Spittal and Houghton-le-Spring: Revs. Dr. Edmond, Convener; Dr. Grosart, Richard Leitch, J. Douglas Watters, James Mellis, *Ministers*; with Messrs. G. B. Bruce, Robert Amos, R. T. Turnbull, Charles Macdonald, and W. H. Weightman, *Elders*.

5. On the Reference from the Presbytery of Darlington: Revs. R. H. Lundie, Convener; James Mackenzie and John Gordon, *Ministers*; with Messrs. Robert Wales and John Muir, *Elders*.

The Synod resolved itself into a Conference on the State of Religion Conference
as indicated in the Reports of the Synod Deputies for the past year.

The Conference was addressed by Messrs. W. S. Wilkinson, Thomas Matheson, George B. Bruce, Rev. D. Matheson, Messrs. Alexander McLeod, Patrick Neill, Rev. James Stuart, Messrs. R. Amos, R. P. Graham, George Duncan, Rev. James Rae, Rev. Dr. Anderson, Mr. Walter Pope, Rev. R. H. Lundie, Mr. Robert Whyte, Rev. James Cunningham, Mr. John MacIntyre, and Rev. Alexander C. Kettle.

After continuing in Conference for one hour, the Synod resumed in Synod resumed.
Court.

The Synod appointed as their Deputies for the ensuing year the Synod Deputies.
following brethren: Revs. Simeon R. Macphail, Robert Taylor, James Mellis, John Thompson, and John Bogue, *Ministers*; with Messrs. James Goodman, Thomas Matheson, John Hume, W. S. Wilkinson, and Dr. Gauld; and resolved that the congregations to be visited during the year be those of the Presbytery of Manchester, and those of the Presbytery of Berwick.

The Deputies appeared before the Synod, were addressed by the Moderator, and solemnly set apart to their Mission by prayer—the Rev. W. S. Swanson leading the devotions of the Synod.

The Synod called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee, Home Mission.
which was submitted by Mr. George B. Bruce, Convener, who addressed the House on the work of the Mission.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report.

Remit.

In reference to the Remit of last Synod in regard to the preaching of the Gospel by other than regular Licentiates and Ministers, the Synod, in terms of the Committee's recommendation, authorise and recommend Presbyteries to form lists of office-bearers and others, members of the Church, qualified to take part within their bounds in the preaching of the Gospel under the sanction of the Church; and congregations desiring the aid of lay preachers are recommended to draw as far as possible upon such lists.

Remit.

First Motion.

In reference to the Remit of last Synod in regard to the Ordination of Home Missionaries, it was moved and seconded—That the Synod express their judgment that the practical exigencies of the Church in reference to Home Mission work will be most satisfactorily met, in harmony with her principles and usages, by the ordination of persons of eminent and approved fitness, as occasions may arise.

Second Motion.

It was moved and seconded as a Second Motion—That, in the opinion of this Synod, the practical exigencies of the Church in reference to Home Mission work can be best met, in harmony with her principles and usages, by the ordination of fit persons to be 'missionary ministers,' who shall work for the extension of the Gospel among our home population in necessitous districts, without becoming thereby eligible to a call from any regular charge.

Third Motion.

It was moved and seconded as a Third Motion—That the Synod, after deliberation, do not deem it wise to decide the point at present, and remit the subject to the Presbyteries and the Home Mission Committee for further consideration, instructing the Committee to send down to the Presbyteries the regulations under which it has been proposed that Missionary Ministers be appointed, and to receive and consider any Reports from Presbyteries.

Fourth Motion.

It was moved and seconded as a Fourth Motion—That the further consideration of the question be adjourned till a subsequent diet.

The Synod took the sense of the House on the fourth motion by a show of hands, when it was decided by a majority not to adjourn.

Finding.

With consent of the Synod, the movers and seconders of the first and second motions withdrew the same, and the third motion became the deliverance of the House.

Berwick Presbytery.

The Synod gave permission to the Presbytery of Berwick to meet for special business during the interval.

It was found that the Rev. Charles Moinet, who had been appointed Convener of the Committee on Records, was not present at the Synod, and the Synod appointed the Rev. John Matheson Convener in his stead.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at six o'clock, Adjournment. whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Tuesday,
Church, on Tuesday, the 27th day April 27th.
of April, 1886, at Six o'clock p.m.

The Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional ^{Constituted.} exercises.

The Synod called for the Report of the Jewish Mission Committee, ^{Jewish Mission.} which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject of the Mission.

On his motion the Synod note again with grateful satisfaction the continued steadfast prosecution of the Mission Work in East London, and recognise, with much thankfulness to God, tokens of blessing vouchsafed in the large number of inquirers, and in several instances of saving benefit reported. The Synod further receive with gladness the report that the contemplated extension of the Mission by the establishment of a station abroad has now been effected through the designation and departure of a Medical Missionary to Morocco, and hereby commend this new enterprise to the warm sympathy, liberal support, and earnest prayers of the members of all our churches.

The report of the Foreign Missions Committee was submitted by ^{Foreign Missions.} Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the work of the China and India Missions.

On his motion, the Synod receive the Report, and hear with much satisfaction of the marked success which; by the Divine blessing, has attended the mature plans of the mission for the organisation of a strong native Church in South-east China, with the training of an efficient native agency, and the development of Christian liberality among the members of the Church.

Considering the important changes which are rapidly occurring in the political state of China, and the opening of that great country to influences from the West, hitherto sedulously excluded, the glorious opportunity now set before the Church of Christ cannot be over-estimated; and the Synod desire to express profound thankfulness for the position which their mission has attained, and earnestly commend it to the loving sympathy and the prayers of the Church.

The Synod gladly recognise the interest attaching to the Mission in India, and the blessing which rests upon the labours of the workers there.

The Synod gratefully acknowledge the timely relief afforded to the funds by the munificent donations of the late Mr. D. P. Wood and the legacy of Mrs. Mackenzie, and earnestly trust that the members of the Church may increasingly value the privilege of sustaining a work which has been so graciously owned of God, and before which is set such an open door.

The Synod rejoice in the valued labours of the Women's Missionary Association, and anew commend that Association to all the congregations of the Church.

Missionary
Meeting.

The Synod resolved itself into its Annual Missionary Meeting, the Moderator occupying the chair.

Addresses.

The Meeting was addressed by the Rev. Charles J. Whitmore, of Kentish Town, on the Difficulties of Home Mission Work; and by the Rev. John Young, United Presbyterian Church, Greenock, on the Power and Success of Home Mission Work.

The Rev. Dr. Edmond, Highbury, delivered an address on the Claims of the Jews on the Gratitude and Love of the Christian Church; and the Rev. J. B. Meharry, Newcastle, spoke on the Reflex Benefits and Blessings of Christian Missionary Work.

The Synod then welcomed Dr. Anderson, Medical Missionary from Formosa, and Dr. Lyall, Medical Missionary from Swatow, who delivered addresses on their Medical and Evangelistic Work in those places respectively.

Services of
Praise.

The admirable addresses were interspersed with Services of Praise, and were listened to by a large and appreciative audience with the utmost interest.

Synod
resume.

The Missionary Meeting having come to an end, the Synod resumed in Court, and proceeded with its ordinary business.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved, as a supplement to the deliver-
 ance this evening adopted on the Foreign Missions Report, that the
 Synod has heard with gratitude of the proposal of Mr. J. T. Morton to
 be at the whole expense of four new Missionaries being sent out, two
 ordained and two Medical, to occupy two new centres of Missionary
 labour, and to provide the salaries of such men, and all incidental ex-
 penses, for a period of three years.

Mr. Morton's
offer.

The Synod, considering that the liability for the additional outlay
 involved would come upon the Church after a limited period, refer the
 generous offer of Mr. Morton to the Committee, in the hope that by
 conference with that gentleman a way may be found for taking advan-
 tage of it in whole or in part.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to pre-
 pare a suitable minute with reference to the jubilee of Principal Chal-
 mers, which was given in by Dr. Dykes, Convener.

Principal
Chalmers.

The Synod receive the Report, adopt the minute submitted, and
 request the Moderator to present it in due form to Dr. Chalmers.

The minute is as follows :—

The attention of the Synod having been called to the fact that the
 Rev. Principal Chalmers, D.D., has this year attained the fiftieth anni-
 versary of his ordination to the holy ministry, the Synod desire to offer
 their cordial congratulations to their brother on so interesting an occasion,
 and to record their gratitude to Almighty God for permitting His
 servant to complete so long a term of honourable and useful labour in
 the service of his Church.

The Synod recall with lively interest the prolonged ministry of Dr.
 Chalmers in Marylebone, and his constant devotion to the cause of Pres-
 byterianism in England during the early years of its revival and recon-
 struction, as well as the place which he has now for eighteen years filled
 as Professor of Theology, and latterly as Principal of the Theological
 College. Through all the changes that have passed over the Church in
 England since he entered it Dr. Chalmers has taken a leading part in
 her affairs, and has uniformly secured for himself the esteem of his fellow-
 presbyters for his sagacious counsel, manly breadth of view, and genial
 spirit of brotherly kindness. It is the earnest prayer of all the Ministers
 and Elders in Synod convened that it may please his Divine Master still
 to preserve His servant in strength through years to come for the duties
 of his high office, and to grant him in his serene sunset of life the
 blessings of His gracious presence.

Public Praise. The Report of the Committee on Public Praise was submitted by Dr. Murphy, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

On his motion, the Synod resolve that the Report be adopted, and that Presbyteries be urged to appoint one of their members for the purpose of keeping the question of Congregational Praise before them, advising with those congregations within their respective bounds who may require counsel or assistance upon the subject, and communicating annually with the Public Praise Committee.

Business. A Supplementary Report was submitted by the Business Committee, which the Synod receive, resolving to take up the business for to-morrow in the order suggested.

Darlington Presbytery. The Synod gave liberty to the Darlington Presbytery to meet to-morrow for urgent business.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at half-past ten o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Wednesday,
April 28th. *At London, and within Regent Square Church, on Wednesday, the 28th day of April, 1886, at Half-past Ten o'clock a.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sustained. The minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were laid on the table, held as read, and were sustained.

Whitby. The Synod took up a Reference from the Home Mission Committee in the case of an application from the Congregation at Whitby for a relaxation of the Rule of the Church Building Fund which prohibits the payment of a grant when there is a mortgage on the Church property.

The Synod sustain the Reference, and whilst they cannot see their

way to entertain the proposal, they cordially recommend the case of Whitby, in view of its extreme urgency, to the generous and prompt assistance of friends throughout the Church.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Home Mission Committee ^{Preston.} in the case of the congregation at Preston, asking a relaxation of the Rule prohibiting Mortgages, in favour of that Church.

The Synod sustain the Reference.

It was moved and seconded—That the application be granted.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment—That the application be not granted.

The Synod took the sense of the House by a show of hands, when it was found that the Amendment was carried; wherefore the Synod resolve in terms of the Amendment.

At the same time the Synod remit the case of the Preston congregation to the reconsideration of the North-western Board, in the earnest hope that that Board may see their way to deal still more generously with that Church.

The Synod took up an Appeal and a Complaint against a Judgment Appeal. of the Presbytery of Newcastle, in a case of discipline with reference to the Rev. James Craig, of Blyth.

The Convener of the Business Committee submitted a recommendation from that Committee to the effect that, subject to the acquiescence of the parties concerned, the Synod, owing to the very limited time at its disposal, should appoint a Special Commission, with full Synodical powers, to review and finally issue this case.

The Synod adopted the recommendation.

Parties were called: when there appeared the Rev. James Mackenzie and Rev. David Tasker for the Appellants; the Rev. John Reid, jun., as a Complainant; Rev. Richard Leitch for the Presbytery; and the Rev. James Craig for himself.

All the parties expressed their acquiescence in the mode of settlement proposed, and it was remitted to the Selection Committee to nominate the members of the Special Commission.

The decision of the Synod was intimated to the parties.

The Synod took up a Petition from the Rev. Alexander King, late ^{Rev. A. King.} Minister of High Street Church, Whitehaven, praying for the payment of a sum of money alleged to be due to him by that congregation.

The Synod remit this Petition to the Committee on Applications from persons, with instructions to consider it and report.

Rev. G. Mole, The Synod took up a Petition from the Rev. George Mole, praying that his name be transferred from Roll B to Roll A in the List of Probationers.

The Synod remit this Petition to the Committee named in the previous Minute, with similar instructions.

Ministerial Support. The Synod called for the Report of the Ministerial Support Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Joint Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee, and resolve as follows :

I.—SUSTENTATION FUND.

Regard with much satisfaction the continued maintenance of the equal dividend of £200.

While noticing with approval the diminution of the amount of aid required by congregations now on the Fund, view with concern the continued decline in the amount of aid supplied, as limiting the beneficial operation of this great Fund, and rendering it difficult to admit new aid-receiving charges to the Platform.

In the hope that this decline may proceed no farther, authorise the Committee to receive, if they deem it prudent, not more than two additional aid-receiving charges.

Refer to the Committee a suggestion made on the floor of the House regarding special provision for its working expenses.

II.—AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

In view of the condition of this Fund and its great value to the Church, renew the recommendation of last Synod that the Members of the Church should aid it by donations and legacies, and approve of the application made by the Committee for Congregational Collections until such time as the capital may be considerably augmented.

In terms of the Committee's recommendation, place the Rev. J. R. Howat, late of Sunderland, on the Fund for an annuity of £30.

Remit to the Committee to consider the advisability of inaugurating a Ministers' subscription in aid of this fund,

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Regard the increase of annuitants from 49 to 75 in course of the past year as showing the utility of such a fund as this, and the necessity for maintaining it in a condition to meet a sudden strain on its resources.

The Report of the College Committee was given in by the Rev. Dr. College. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report ; record their thanks to the Divine Head of the Church for "the large number of brethren who, having completed their curriculum of study, are now ready to receive licence as preachers of the Gospel, and express their unabated interest in the College as a training school for future pastors of this Church.

The Synod reappoint the Rev. George Johnstone, M.A., B.D., and appoint the Rev. A. C. Murphy, M.A., D.Lit., the Rev. Gavin Carlyle, M.A., and the Rev. John Reid, jun., M.A., to be members of the Board of Examination, with seats on the College Committee.

The Synod, having considered the grave financial position of the Institution, enjoin on all the congregations of the Church to make the annual collection for the College funds ; instruct Presbyteries to see that an opportunity of doing so is afforded to every congregation within their bounds, unless reasons be alleged to the contrary which the Presbytery shall deem to be satisfactory ; and commend this object to the liberality of friends of the Church in order that the existing deficit may be wiped out as speedily as possible.

Finally, the Synod recommend that on the day when this collection is taken, officiating ministers shall offer special prayer in the public services, that it may please the God of all grace to bless His Church with an abundant supply of qualified and devoted ministers of His word, and to pour out upon both students and professors of theology during the coming session the reviving influences of His Holy Spirit.

The Synod called for the Report of the College Trustees, which, in the absence of Mr. John Johnstone, Convener, was submitted by Mr. George Duncan. College Trustees.

The Synod receive the Report with thanks to the Trustees.

The report of the College Visitors was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener. College Visitors.

The Synod receive the Report with satisfaction.

Adopt the suggestion made in regard to the Exit Examination, and instruct the Board of Examination to arrange accordingly in the future.

Approve also of its recommendation in respect to the admission of Students of the third year to at least two meetings of a Church Session, and direct the Sessions in London to admit such Students at convenient times when applied to.

Refer the remaining recommendations in this Report to the College Committee, to act therein as they may find desirable.

College
Senatus.

The Synod called for the Report of the College Senatus, which was given in by the Rev. Principal Chalmers, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report with thanks to the Senatus.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Wednesday,
April 28th.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Wednesday, the 28th
day of April, 1886, at Six o'clock
p.m.*

Constituted.

The Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Statistics.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics, which was given in by Dr. Leone Levi, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

The Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee, especially the Convener, and submit to the Committee the importance of endeavouring to ascertain the dates, not only of the erection of the Church buildings, but also of the origin of the congregations of the Church.

Probationers.

The Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers was given in by Dr. Muir, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and thank the Committee for their diligence.

The Synod granted permission to the Selection Committee to meet Selection Committee. this evening for special business during the sitting of the House.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Oversight Soldiers and Sailors. of Soldiers and Sailors, which was submitted by the Rev. James Christie, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

The Synod receive the Report, rejoice in the success of the Committee's services, and encourage them to persevere in their good work of oversight of Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors.

The Report of the Committee on Intercourse with other Churches Intercourse with other Churches. was given in by the Rev. Robert H. Lundie, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

The Order of the Day for the reception of Deputations from sister Deputations. Churches having now arrived, the Synod postpone the further consideration of the Report till after the Deputations shall have been received.

A letter was read from the General Assembly of the Free Church of Letter from Free Church. Scotland, expressive of their continued lively interest in the Home and Foreign work of this Church, and indicative of the difficulties, labours, and successes of the Free Church.

The Synod receive the letter with much satisfaction, and instruct the Deputation about to visit the Free Church to assure that Church that the Church in England most cordially reciprocate their regard and affection, and pray earnestly for their progress and prosperity.

An Extract Minute was read from the Records of the General Irish Presbyterian. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, showing that that Assembly have appointed as a Deputation to this Synod the Rev. James Whigham, Minister at Ballinasloe, and Moderator of Assembly; Rev. Samuel L. Wilson, Minister at Cork; Rev. Thomas Eaton, Minister at Kells; with Mr. William Young, J.P., and Mr. John Huey, J.P., Ruling Elders.

Mr. Whigham and Mr. Huey were present, and successively addressed the Synod.

A Commission was laid on the table from the General Assembly of Welsh Presbyterian. the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church in favour of the Rev. Principal Edward, Aberystwith College, the Rev. T. J. Wheldon, B.A., Festiniog, and Mr. Edward Davies, J.P., Llandinaw, as Deputies to this Synod.

Mr. Wheldon was present, and addressed the Synod.

Victorian
Church.

There was tabled a Commission from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in favour of the Rev. William G. Login, as a Deputy to this Church.

Mr. Login, being present, addressed the House.

Belgian and
Waldensian
Churches.

The Synod was then addressed by the Rev. M. Brocher, a Representative from the Belgian Missionary Church, and by the Rev. M. Prochet, a Representative from the Waldensian Church.

Thanks.

The Deputations were then severally and suitably addressed by the Moderator, who tendered the thanks of the Synod to the Deputies for their valued addresses.

Sympathy.

The attention of the Synod was called to the present difficulties and dangers of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as indicated by the Deputation, and it was moved, seconded, and unanimously resolved—

The Synod, having heard the Deputies from the Irish Presbyterian Church, desire to express their deep sympathy with that Church in the solemn circumstances in which she is at present placed, and earnestly pray that nothing may take place to impair her strength or usefulness in a land in which she has been permitted to do and suffer so much in our Master's service.

ntercourse.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report on Intercourse with other Churches, when on the motion of the Committee's Convener—

The Synod receive the Report. They sympathise with the struggling Churches of the Continent in the financial strain which they experience in consequence of the depressed state of trade, and they deeply regret that, owing to the same cause, their own means of lending aid are curtailed at a time when they should have earnestly desired to enlarge that aid.

They express their deep interest in the recent celebration, both in France and Britain, of the Bicentenary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. They rejoice in the liberty now enjoyed by the Protestants of France.

They continue to regard with deep interest the negotiations for union between the Waldensian Church and the Free Church of Italy, and trust that in God's good providence a way may speedily be found out of the difficulties which embarrass these negotiations.

They again refer the question of federal relations with the Free

Church of Scotland to the Intercourse Committee, with a view to negotiation and conference with any Committee which may be appointed for the purpose by said Church, and in the earnest hope that the object aimed at may be attained.

They regard with much satisfaction the state of the negotiations between this Church and the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church. They approve generally of the suggestions submitted to them with a view to draw closer the bonds of amity between the two Churches, and empower the Committee, on the sanction of the Welsh Assembly being obtained to the suggestions, to take the necessary steps for carrying them, or such of them as they may deem mature, into effect.

They express their earnest hope that the number of congregations contributing to Continental Missions may be largely augmented in the coming year.

They resolve, as last year, to send deputies to the General Assembly of the Welsh Presbyterian Church and to the Synod of the Church of Scotland in England, the Selection Committee to nominate the Deputies.

The Selection Committee reported that they had nominated the Commission. following brethren as the Commission in the case of the Newcastle Appeal, namely :—Revs. Dr. Edmond, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Fraser, Dr. James Muir, Mr. Lundie, J. F. McGaw, W. Hutton, Robert Cowan, C. Moinet, J. Mellis, *Ministers*; Dr. Leone Levi, Messrs. John M. Douglas, Thomas Matheson, Thomas Holder, George Duncan, G. B. Blair, J. Muir Leitch, Charles Macdonald, R. T. Turnbull, Robert Morton, *Elders*; Dr. Fraser, *Convener*.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

The Synod took up an Application from the Presbytery of Darling- Grimsby. ton in reference to the congregation of Grimsby, asking for the sanction of the Synod towards their obtaining a Mortgage on their Church property.

The Synod receive the application and refer it to the Committee on Applications from places, with instructions to consider it, and report.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at a quarter Adjournment. past ten o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday,
April 29th.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Thursday, the 29th day
of April, 1886, at 10.15 a.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were laid on the table, held as read, and were sustained.

Treasurership. The Synod called for the Report of the Treasurership Committee, which was given in by Mr. George Duncan, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

On his motion, the Synod receive the Report; record their profound sense of the goodness of God to this Church in connection with the financial experience of the last year; in view of the tendency to decline in the congregational contributions call upon the members of the Church to give their earnest consideration to the claims of the various Funds, and to be willing, if necessary, even to make personal sacrifices that no portion of the work of God entrusted to this Church may be allowed to suffer detriment; recognise the necessity in the present circumstances of the Church for curtailing expenditure whenever this can be safely done, and instruct the Selection Committee in their nominations to give careful consideration to the question of travelling expenses; and further appoint the assessment for 1887 at 14s. 6d. on Membership and revenue as follows, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Presbytery of Berwick . . .	55	0	0
„ Birmingham . . .	41	0	0
„ Bristol . . .	44	0	0
„ Carlisle . . .	38	0	0
„ Darlington . . .	65	0	0
„ Liverpool . . .	241	0	0
„ London . . .	535	0	0
„ Manchester . . .	152	0	0
„ Newcastle . . .	209	0	0
„ Northumberland . . .	60	0	0
	<u>£1,440</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The Synod further draw the special attention of congregations to the provision now made for the safe custody of title-deeds and other papers, and urge such as have not yet made satisfactory arrangements for the keeping of their documents to avail themselves of this provision.

In connection with the Treasurership Report, it was moved and seconded—That in consideration of the services rendered by the Rev. William Rigby Murray as Convener of the Committee which prepared ‘Church Praise,’ and in view of the amount of financial profit which that book has already afforded to the Church, the Treasurership Committee be instructed to give to Mr. Murray, in the name of this Synod, as an honorarium, a sum of one hundred guineas out of the profits of the Hymn-book. Rev. W. Rigby Murray.
First Motion.

It was moved and seconded as a Second Motion—That, in consideration of the services rendered by the Rev. W. Rigby Murray as Convener of the Committee which prepared ‘Church Praise,’ and in view of the amount of financial profit which that book has already afforded to the Church, the Synod cordially recommend the matter to the liberality of the private members of the Church. Second Motion.

It was moved and seconded as a Third Motion—The previous Third Motion. question.

After reasoning, the Synod proceeded to the vote. The sense of the House was taken by a show of hands on each of the motions successively, and it was found that the numbers voting for the first motion were much larger than those voting for the other two combined; wherefore the Synod resolved in terms of the first motion.

From this finding, Mr. William Carruthers entered his dissent, for reasons to be afterwards assigned. Dissent.

The Synod resolved that its next Meeting, on the invitation of the Manchester Presbytery, be held within Grosvenor Square Church, Manchester, on the last Monday in April, 1887, at 6 o'clock p.m.—the Presbytery of Manchester to make the necessary arrangements. Next Meeting.

The Report of the Publications Committee was submitted by Mr. George B. Bruce, in the absence of the Rev. Dr. Gibson, Convener. Publications.

It was moved and seconded—

First Motion.

1st. That the Report be received.

2nd. In view of the importance of utilising the power of the Press and maintaining a weekly newspaper in the interests of the Church, this

Synod approve of the suggestion of the Publications Committee, and instruct that Committee to take charge both of the weekly and the monthly issue of the *Presbyterian Messenger* for one year by way of experiment.

Second Motion. It was moved and seconded as a Second Motion—
Omit Clause No. 2, and decline to approve the Committee's suggestion relative to the weekly issue of the *Presbyterian Messenger*.

Third Motion. It was moved and seconded as a Third Motion—In consideration of the importance of the subject, refer the whole matter to a Committee of Synod to look at all the facts of the case, and report at a future diet of the Synod.

Finding. After reasoning, the Synod proceeded to the vote. Each of the motions was submitted in order to the sense of the House, and it was found that a larger number of votes was given in favour of the first than of the second and third combined ; wherefore the Synod resolved in terms of the first motion.

Dissent. From this finding Mr. John Bell craved leave to enter his dissent, which leave was granted.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday,
April 29th.

*At London, and within Regent Square
Church, on Thursday, the 29th day
of April, 1886, at Six o'clock p.m.*

Constituted. The Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Confession of Faith. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Church's Relation to the Confession of Faith, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

Motion. It was moved and seconded—

1. That the Synod receive the Report, and continue the Committee for another year, with instructions to continue the preparation of a compendium of Doctrine ;

2. That the Synod place on record its entire and cordial approval of the terms of the Declaratory Statement (with the addition suggested by the Presbytery of London), as expressing the sense in which this Church understands and accepts the Westminster Confession of Faith ;

3. That, with a view to enable the Synod, at its meeting in 1887, to give full legal effect to the said Declaratory Statement, it be forthwith sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions for their opinion, whether or not it ought to be adopted by the Church ; their decision to be reported to this Committee before the 31st of October next ;

4. That, meanwhile, the Committee be instructed to consider carefully the whole subject of the Formulas for Office-bearers now in use, and what modification they require, including the change recommended to the Synod of 1884, as well as any other changes which the adoption of the Declaratory Statement may render advisable ;

5. That the Committee be instructed, as soon as possible, to submit the Declaratory Statement, along with the proposed amended Formulas, and any other necessary documents, to counsel for an opinion on the legal bearings, upon Trust Deeds to property or otherwise, of such changes, should they be ultimately adopted by the Church ;

6. And finally, That the Committee be instructed to report fully on all these matters to the Synod of 1887.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment—That the Synod Amendment decline to approve of the Declaratory Statement.

The Synod proceeded to the vote, taking the sense of the House by Finding. a show of hands, when it was found that the motion was carried by a vast majority, four members only voting for the amendment. The Synod therefore decide in terms of the motion.

From this finding the Rev. Peter Valence tendered his dissent, and Dissent. submitted the following reasons :—

1. Because the Declaratory Statement introduces unsound and dangerous doctrines, condemned by the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Secession Synod of 1754, and by all sound Calvinistic divines, which are wholly inconsistent with Calvinism, and which logically lead inevitably to Universal Salvation, which destructive delusion the said Act is fitted greatly to favour.

2. Because these doctrines introduce another Gospel, as has been proved by the late Principal Candlish in his work on the Atonement.

3. Because it reduces a large and very important portion of the Creed to a condition of utter uncertainty.

4. Because it is fitted to injure the cause of Christ, and destroy the prosperity of the Church.

And I hereby protest that neither the said Act, nor any result that may flow from it, shall in any way affect my obligation and liberty to believe and teach according to the Westminster Confession of Faith.—

PETER VALENCE.

To the dissent of Mr. Valence, the Rev. Henry P. Slade, of Towlaw tendered his adherence.

Answers.

The Synod appointed the Rev. Dr. Dykes and the Rev. J. T. McGaw a Committee to prepare answers to the Reasons of Dissent submitted, and report to a future Sederunt.

Scottish
Synod.

There was laid on the table a Commission from the Scottish Synod in England in favour of the Rev. Donald MacLeod and Mr. J. Macvicar Anderson as a Deputation to the Synod.

Mr. Anderson, being present, addressed the Synod, expressing the sentiments of regard and affection entertained by the Scottish Synod towards this Church.

The Moderator, in name of the Synod, tendered thanks to the Deputy for his address, and assured him of the heartiness with which this Synod reciprocates those sentiments of esteem and affection.

Public
Worship.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Public Worship, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

Motion.

It was moved and seconded—Receive the Report of the Committee; and in terms of its recommendation appoint a Special Committee with instructions to proceed with due care and deliberation in the direction of revising the Westminster Directory, and preparing forms or specimens of service adapted to special occasions, and to report to next Synod.

Amendment.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment—Receive the Report of the Committee, and, in terms of its recommendation, appoint a Special Committee with instructions to proceed, with due care and deliberation, to prepare forms or specimens of service adapted to special occasions, as set forth in the Report of the Committee, and to report to next Synod.

Finding

After reasoning the Synod proceeded to the vote, which was taken by a show of hands, and it was found that the motion was carried by a majority. Wherefore the Synod resolved in terms of the motion.

The Report of the Committee on the Instruction of Youth was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject. Instruction of Youth.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report.

Warmly acknowledging the voluntary and persevering labours of so many among our people in this most valuable department of the Church's work, the Synod seek to impress upon all who are engaged in it, whether in the family circle, the school, or the Bible class, the urgent need which exists for imbuing the rising generation with Divine truth, and the duty of devoting to this task our best and most skilful endeavours, with constant prayer for the blessing of God.

The Synod recommend that, wherever convenient, the day appointed for a collection for the funds of this Committee, or a Sunday as near to it as can be arranged, should be observed by congregations as the "Children's Day," to be devoted to children's services, addresses to parents and teachers, sermons to young men and women, or other special exercises bearing on the welfare of young people.

The Synod have heard with regret of the Rev. Mr. McPhail's retirement from the charge of the Higher Instruction scheme, and record their high sense of his valuable services in starting and organising this department of the Committee's operations. Further, they cordially thank Dr. Wright for his services on the Board of Examiners, and appoint in his room the Rev. A. C. Murphy, M.A., D.Lit. The suggestion that the Chairman of that Board should have a seat *ex officio* on the Committee is likewise approved.

In the circumstances detailed in the Supplementary Report the Synod confirm the arrangement made for the Examination of Higher Instruction candidates at Upper Norwood.

The Synod sanction the programme of Higher Instruction subjects proposed for session 1886-87, and trust that Ministers will extend every possible encouragement and assistance to young persons disposed to engage in the study of them.

The Synod approve of the Grants to Day Schools recommended by the Committee, renew the expression of their interest in these Schools, and of their earnest desire to assist in maintaining them wherever the interests of the Church appear to call for them. At the same time they would urge Presbyteries and local managers to do all in their power to secure their thorough educational efficiency; and with the view of enabling the Church to judge how far this is attained, instruct the Com-

mittee to require from each assisted school a copy of H.M. Inspector's Annual Report along with the usual schedule.

The Synod regret to learn that the usefulness of this important Committee is hindered by the inadequacy of its resources, and urge upon every congregation the propriety of making some contribution towards its expenses.

Lastly, the Synod commend the families of the Church, with all young persons attached to her communion, to the gracious care of the Good Shepherd, Who alone is able to keep them from falling, and to make them perfect in every good work to do His will.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Friday,
April 30th.
At London, and within Regent Square Church, on Friday, the 30th day of April, 1886, at Ten o'clock a.m.

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sustained. The minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were laid on the table, held as read, and were sustained.

Congregational Union. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Relations with the Congregational Union, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report, and reappoint the Committee with the same general instructions as before.

Ministers Emeriti. The Report of the Committee appointed to consider Applications regarding Ministers *Emeriti* was submitted by Rev. Thomas Macpherson, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and cordially agree to recognise the Rev. John Matheson, the Rev. James Blythe, and the Rev. Alexander M. Halket as Ministers *Emeriti* of this Church.

Rev. A. T. Landreth. Regarding the Application with reference to the Rev. A. T. Landreth,

the Synod find that the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund are already empowered to continue the grant to Mr. Landreth on presentation of the required Medical Certificate with Presbyterian attestation.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Temperance, ^{Temperance} which was given in by Mr. Robert Wales, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, express satisfaction with the evidence of growing interest in the work throughout the Church, and commend its future development to the fostering care of Presbyteries and Sessions.

Further, the Synod resolve to petition the Commons House of ^{Sunday} Parliament in favour of a Bill for stopping the Sale of Intoxicating ^{Closing.} Liquors during the whole of the Sunday.

A form of Petition was read, of which the Synod approved, instructing that it be duly extended, subscribed by the Moderator and Clerk in name of the Synod, and presented to the House through Mr. James C. Stevenson, M.P. for South Shields.

The Report of the Law and Historical Documents Committee was ^{Law and Historical Documents.} submitted by Dr. Leone Levi, Convener.

It was moved and seconded—That the Synod receive the Report. ^{First Motion.} That the Book of Order is authoritative as to procedure in Congregations and Courts of the Church, save in cases otherwise provided for by Trust Deeds of Churches, or Special Constitutions of Congregations, or long-established usages.

It was moved and seconded as a Second Motion—While declining ^{Second Motion.} to give to the Book of Order the authority of binding law, yet deeming it extremely desirable that uniformity of procedure should be maintained as much as possible in the administration of Church affairs, the Synod agree to recognise it as a correct statement of the consuetudinary practice of the Church, and recommend it to the Congregations and inferior Courts for their guidance.

It was moved and seconded as a Third Motion—That the Synod ^{Third Motion.} agree to recognise the Book of Order as a correct statement of the consuetudinary practice of the Church, and recommend it to the Congregations and inferior Courts for their guidance.

After reasoning, the Synod proceeded to the vote. The mover and ^{Finding.} seconder of the First Motion, with consent of the House, withdrew the same. The sense of the Synod was taken, as between the Second and

Third Motions, and the Third was carried by a majority. Wherefore the Synod resolve in terms of the Third Motion.

Dissent.

From this finding Mr. Whyte craved leave to enter his dissent, in his own name, and in that of those who may adhere to him; which leave was granted.

The Synod remit the Book of Order to the Law and Historical Documents Committee, with the addition of seven other brethren—to be nominated by the Selection Committee—with instructions to revise those portions which deal with the exercise of discipline in the various Courts of the Church, and such other portions as may seem to require it, and report to next meeting of Synod.

Further, the Synod instruct the Committee to re-issue the Book of Order, with the necessary emendations. They make no alteration in Chap. I., Sect. 3, Clause 7. They authorise the Committee, in consultation with the Treasurership Committee, to recommend a Solicitor to act as Legal Adviser to the Church. And they renew the instruction to Presbyteries to prepare and send to the Committee for presentation to the Synod a return of all the Trust Deeds of Churches within their respective bounds.

Selection Committee.

The Synod authorised the Selection Committee to meet for special business during this sitting of the House.

Rev. W. Gillies.

The Synod granted permission to the Rev. William Gillies, of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, to make use of such portions of the Book of Order as he may see fit, in the preparation of a similar Book for his own Church.

Applications from Persons

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Applications from Persons, which was given in by the Rev. George Johnstone, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof they empower the Presbytery of London to take Mr. A. M. Thomson, Student in Divinity, on trial for Licence, subject to his passing the second part of the Exit Examination. They empower the said Presbytery to take Mr. D. MacIntyre, Student in Divinity, on trial for Licence, subject to his passing an Examination equivalent to the Exit Examination. They decline the Rev. George Mole's application to have his name placed on Roll A of Probationers. And in the case of the Rev. Alexander

King, they find that he is not entitled to the sum of money claimed by him.

The Synod called for the Report of the General Purposes Committee, which was given in by Mr. George Duncan, Convener. General Purposes.

On his Motion, the Synod receive so much of the Report of the General Purposes Committee as has not yet been disposed of.

The Synod appoint the Collections for Synodical Funds during the ensuing year as follow, viz. :—

For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of May 1886.

„ Continental Work	„	„	July	„
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„	Sept.	„
„ The College	„	„	Nov.	„
„ The Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan. 1887.	
„ The Home Mission	„	„	Mar.	„

The Synod agree in terms of the recommendation of the Committee that the Aggregate Meetings of the Standing Committees shall be held in the ensuing year during the three days commencing with the third Monday of July, November, and March respectively.

The Synod further record their deep sense of the importance of securing for the administrative work of the Church the services of men of the highest business experience and ability, and urge upon Presbyteries to be careful, in their selection of their representatives on the Standing Committees, to keep this constantly in view, and to make their appointments as equally as possible from their ministerial and non-ministerial ranks.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London Overture. anent the Mode of Procedure in Debate.

The Overture, having been read, was supported by Mr. George B. Bruce.

The Synod receive the Overture, and refer it—together with the Mode of taking the Vote—to the General Purposes Committee, with instructions to consider it, and report to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Records, Records. which was submitted by the Rev. John Matheson, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof instruct the Clerk to attest the Records of the Synod, Presbyteries, and several Committees.

Brockley Commission. The Minutes of the Commission in the Brockley Case, appointed by last Synod, were laid on the table, and ordered to be preserved along with the Minutes of the Synod.

Judicial. The Report of the Judicial Committee was given in by the Clerk. The Synod receive the Report, and reappoint the Committee.

Blyth Commission. The Synod added the name of the Moderator to the Commission in the Blyth Case—the Moderator to preside, and the Rev. Dr. Muir to act as Clerk—and instructed that the Commission meet in the College on Monday, the 17th May, at 7 o'clock P.M.

Oxford and Cambridge. The Report of the Committee on Oxford and Cambridge was given in by the Rev. Charles Moinet, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and reappoint the Committee.

Applications from Places. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Applications from Places, which was given in by the Rev. J. T. McGaw, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof empower the Presbytery of London to raise the Preaching Stations at East Dulwich and Verulam to the status of Sanctioned Charges, so soon as they may deem it expedient to do so.

The Synod grant the Application from the congregation at Grimsby, and authorise the Moderator and Clerk to sign the Deed of Sanction desired to enable the congregation to obtain a mortgage on the Church property.

Spittal and Houghton-le-Spring. The Report of the Committee on the Memorials from Spittal and Houghton-le-Spring was given in by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in the case of Spittal the Synod grant the prayer of the Petition, and instruct the brethren who may be sent as corresponding members to the United Presbyterian Synod to give attention to this matter, furnishing them with a communication to that Synod respectfully requesting that in the event of any Committee being appointed to consider the proposal to raise the Spittal Station into a regular charge, the representatives of this Court have full opportunity of laying before such Committee the facts and circumstances known to them bearing on the case. Further, should the United Presbyterian Church agree to refer this case to the Federal Council, to meet this year, authorise this Synod's representatives to indicate its consent.

In the case of Houghton-le-Spring the Synod authorise the

Treasurership Committee to pay the remaining moiety of the grant of £250 made from the Union Thanksgiving Fund in 1881, without requiring the further implementing of the original conditions, under an assurance from the representative of the congregation, which satisfied the Committee that an earnest effort is being made towards a substantial reduction of the debt.

A communication was read from the Ministerial Support Committee, asking that in case the aggregate meetings of the Standing Committees be held in July, November, and March, the *Executive* Committee have authority to declare the next dividend.

The Synod receive the communication, and grant the authority craved.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Reference from the Presbytery of Darlington, which was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, in all the circumstances approve the action of the Presbytery of Darlington, and suspend *sine die* the Rev. John Henshelwood from the exercise of the functions of the holy ministry.

The Moderator pronounced sentence of suspension *sine die* accordingly.

There were read by Dr. Dykes Answers to Reasons of Dissent given in by the Rev. Peter Valence in the case of the deliverance of Synod on the Church's Relation to the Confession of Faith.

The Synod approved of the Answers, and instructed that they be entered on the Synod's Records.

The Answers are as follow :—

To Reasons I. and II. it is replied :

That the doctrines alleged in Reasons I. and II. to be 'unsound and dangerous,' and to 'introduce another Gospel,' not being stated, no specific reply to the allegation is possible ; but the Synod cannot admit either that anything contained in the Declaratory Statement is 'unsound and dangerous,' or that it is 'condemned by the Confession of Faith,' or that it 'introduces another Gospel.'

Answers to
Reasons.

To Reason III. it is replied :

That this Reason is, if possible, still more vague, inasmuch as the 'large and very important portion of the Creed,' alleged to be 'reduced to utter uncertainty,' is not defined. But this Reason is open to this general reply, that all the doctrines of the Confession of Faith touched upon in any way in the Declaratory Statement have been so dealt with as to imply their continued acceptance by this Church as a portion of her Creed.

To Reason IV. it is replied :

That the action of the Synod has been deliberately taken with a view to further, not to 'injure,' the cause of Christ, and to increase, not 'destroy,' the prosperity of the Church ; and the Synod is still of the opinion, notwithstanding the allegations contained in these Reasons, that the adoption of this Declaratory Statement is fitted to effect these objects.

Reasons of
Dissent.

Reasons of Dissent from the Synod's finding in the matter of the Book of Order were read by Mr. Robert Whyte, signed by himself, John Matheson, James Mackenzie, John Black, John Bogue, James Muir, John Edmond, J. Reid Howatt, Edward Joyce, J. Oswald Dykes, R. T. Turnbull, George Duncan, Thomas Bell, W. Johnston, and R. H. Lundie.

The Synod receive the Reasons, and order them to be held *in retentis*.

Memorial
Minute.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial Minute with reference to the deaths of the Rev. Dr. Mackay, Rev. Robert Vint, and Mr. Alexander Balfour, which was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener, who submitted draft of said Minute.

The Synod receive the Report, approve of the draft submitted, and instruct that it be entered on the Records of the Synod, and that copies of the several parts thereof be transmitted to the families of the deceased brethren respectively.

The Memorial Minute is as follows :—

The Synod have this year to deplore a large and quite exceptional number of deaths in the ranks of their Ministry.

Among these they mourn the loss of the Rev. Robert Vint, who, though his years among us have been few, has lived long enough to

secure for his name a fragrant memory at Southampton, and to make it matter of sorrow to the Church at large that she has lost from her ranks a minister of a spirit so fervent and evangelical, and so devoted to the preaching of the Gospel.

The removal of the Rev. Dr. W. P. Mackay, of Hull, and the circumstance that it occurred through sudden and unforeseen accident when he was in the full vigour of health, and in the full exercise of his rare gift in the proclamation of the Gospel, in the Highlands of Scotland, they regard as a peculiarly solemn voice from heaven to this Church. Long and greatly will they miss the stalwart figure, the trenchant speech, and the fervent spirit of their brother. They thank the Lord that he was lent to them so long, and pray that the affliction of his sudden removal may be blessed to his flock and to the Church at large.

Among the losses of the year they record with peculiar sorrow that of Mr. Alexander Balfour, a member of Fairfield Church, one of the most large-hearted and beneficent citizens of Liverpool, a man of singular unselfishness, of lofty aim and noble life, whose heart and hand have been felt in almost every good work carried on in Liverpool, a man greatly beloved and widely mourned.

They express their deep sympathy with the families and the congregations with which their departed brethren were connected.

The Rev. Dr. Edmond laid on the table the draft of a Pastoral Letter on Family Religion. Inasmuch, however, as the Rev. Robert Taylor and the Rev. Dr. Gibson have intimated that they contemplate, by appointment, the preparation of such a Letter, Dr. Edmond requested, and the Synod agreed, that the draft should be placed in the hands of those brethren, that they may deal with it as seems to them best—at the same time taking care that the Pastoral Letter be duly issued.

The Synod instructed that, as no Deputation goes this year to the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Moderator and Clerk prepare and transmit a Synodical Letter to that Assembly.

The Synod called for the General Report of the Selection Committee, which was given in by Mr. Thomas Bell, Clerk.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof appoint the Standing and Special Committees for the year as follow (see Appendix).

Thanks.

The Synod recorded their thanks to the Ministers and other Office-bearers of Regent Square Church for the use of their Church and other premises; to the Arrangements Committee in London for the excellent arrangements they have made for the convenience and comfort of the House; and to the numerous families in and around London for the hospitality they have extended to members of Synod during the sittings thereof.

Minutes
sustained.
Close.

The Minutes of this day's proceedings were read and sustained.

The Synod, having now, in the good providence of God, brought its business to a close, was suitably addressed by the Moderator, who declared this Synod closed, and indicted the next Synod to be held, as already determined, within Grosvenor Square Church, Manchester, on the last Monday in April, 1887, at Six o'clock P.M.

The Synod was closed with praise and prayer.

Signed, in the name and by the authority of the Synod of
the Presbyterian Church of England, by

DAVID MACEWAN, D.D., *Moderator.*

WILLIAM M'CAW, D.D., *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

A.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

NOTE A.—By appointment of Synod the Moderator and the Clerk of Synod, together with the General Secretary, are members (*ex officio*) of all the Standing Committees, except the Treasurership.

NOTE B.—Of the first Eleven Standing Committees (except Home Mission) one-third retire annually. The first of the three Divisions into which each Committee is arranged contains the names of those now nominated by the Selection Committee: the last Division the names of those who retire next year.

1.—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. W. D. Anderson			Mr. Thomas Bell	
W. M. Macphail	R. T. Turnbull			Robert Wales	
D. Fotheringham	John A. Swanston				
Rev. Dr. Muir	Mr. G. B. Bruce		Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. Samuel Stitt	
Charles Moinet	George Duncan		Dr. MacEwan	A. P. Watt	
			R. M. Thornton	Alister G. Fraser	

With Presbytery Representatives.

JOINT CONVENERS: Revs. Dr. Fraser and Dr. MacEwan.

2.—HOME MISSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. G. B. Bruce		Rev. John Bogue	Mr. William Sutton	
Dr. Muir	Samuel Stitt				
J. S. Rae	Robert Amos		Rev. Prof. Elmslie	Mr. R. T. Turnbull	
			John Sclater	Thomas Holder	
Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson	Mr. George Duncan		W. A. Walton	Geo. Bell, jun.	
R. H. Lundie	J. A. Beith				

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. George B. Bruce.

The above Committee arranged into District Boards as follows:—

(1) LONDON AND SOUTH.

Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. Prof. Elmslie	Mr. R. T. Turnbull
Dr. Monro Gibson	George Duncan		

With Six Presbytery Representatives, and not fewer than 12 Associates.

(2) LIVERPOOL AND MIDLAND.

Rev. R. H. Lundie	Mr. Samuel Stitt	Rev. John Selater	Mr. Thomas Holder
Dr. James Muir	J. A. Beith		

With Six Presbytery Representatives, and not fewer than 12 Associates.

(3) NEWCASTLE AND NORTH-EASTERN.

Rev. J. S. Rae	Mr. Robert Amos	Rev. W. A. Walton	Mr. George Bell, jun.
John Bogue	William Sutton		

With Six Presbytery Representatives, and not fewer than 12 Associates.

3.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.		MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. W. Ballantyne	Mr. H. M. Matheson	John Bell		Rev. James Durran	Mr. R. T. Turnbull		
J. Head Thomson	Donald Matheson	J. E. Mathieson		A. C. Alexander	W. H. Waite		
Matthew Davison	Wm. Carruthers	Thomas Bell			A. B. Inglis		
	Dr. J. L. Maxwell				Lieut.-Gen. Anderson		
				Rev. Dr. Gibson	Mr. Thos. Matheson		
				D. Macrae	J. Lamont		
				H. C. Wilson	Thos. Boyd		
				J. Selater	J. R. Robertson		
				R. M. Thornton	John A. Beith		
Rev. W. Dale	Mr. George Duncan						
John Matheson	J. Alexander, jun.						

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. H. M. Matheson.

SECRETARY: Mr. John Bell.

4.—JEWISH MISSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.		MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Sinclair Pater-son	Rev. Wm. Wingate			Rev. George Wilson			
	Mr J. M. Leitch			Stratford			
	J. G. Smieton			J. H. Thomson			
	Dr. Gauld						
	Small			Rev. Dr. Edmond	Mr. John Bell		
					Rev. Dr. Craig		
Rev. Prof. Graham	Mr. B. H. Webb				Dr. Wright		
Matthew Davison	John Duncan				T. W. Brown		
					Mr. W. Melles		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Edmond.

5.—INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.		MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Robert Taylor	Mr. James Robertson			Rev. Prof. Elmslie	Mr. W. A. Boulnois		
William Fraser	H. M. Paul			Charles Moinet	Samuel Stitt		
	J. M. Douglas						
	H. M. Matheson			Rev. Dr. Murphy	Mr. J. A. Swanston		
				T. J. Meyer	Rev. T. W. Brown		
Rev. J. W. Rodger	Mr. Donald Matheson			R. H. Lundie	Mr. W. Melles		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. R. H. Lundie.

6.—COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. William Martin	Mr. Robert Morton	Rev. Dr. Murphy	Mr. W. P. Sinclair
D. Matheson	Alex. B. Inglis		
James Durran	John M. Douglas	Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. J. G. Smieton
		H. C. Wilson	R. Barclay
Rev. Dr. Hamilton	Mr. John Johnstone	Jas. Christie	Robert Amos
Dr. Morison	James Hardie		

With Professors, Presbytery Representatives, and Members of Board of Examination.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

7.—INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. John Reid, jun.	Mr. James Robb	Rev. G. Wilson	Mr. W. Farquharson
Peter Carmichael	Robert Whyte	(Canonbury)	
Hugh Macintosh	Alex. Clark		
		Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. W. Carruthers
Rev. W. Dale	Mr. John G. Smieton	S. R. Macphail	Thos. Hepburn
D. Sillars	Robert Stark	W. H. Jellie	Francis Johnston

With Presbytery Representatives, and Prof. Elmslie as Chairman of Board of Examiners.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

8.—TEMPERANCE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. W. Armstrong	Mr. Robert Stark.	Rev. Z. B. Woffendale	Mr. Robert Wales
W. J. B. Roome	J. W. Jackson		
R. H. Lundie	B. H. Webb	Rev. Dr. Morison	Mr. James Robertson
		Dr. Murphy	Joseph Clarke
Rev. James Towers	Mr. J. R. McDonald	D. Matheson	Lieut.-Gen. Anderson
J. W. Rodger	W. H. Waite		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. Robert Wales.

9.—LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. J. T. McGaw	Dr. Leone Levi	Rev. A. H. Drysdale	Mr. James Robertson
Wm. Ballantyne	Thomas Bell	With Presbytery Representatives, and the following who were added to assist in revising the Book of Order:—	
D. Fotheringham	Robert Whyte		
		Rev. Dr. Muir	Mr. Wm Carruthers
Rev. Dr. Edmond	Mr. Gainsford Bruce	James Mackenzie	Robert Wales
W. Dale	Rev. John Kelly	J. Howie Boyd	
	Mr. J. Eckles Russell	John Bogue	
	James Goodman	George Johnstone	
Rev. Dr. Raitt	Mr. T. W. Thacker		
John Reid	Rev. Dr. W. K. Moore		

CONVENER: Dr. Levi.

10.—PUBLICATIONS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. J. T. McGaw		Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. J. R. Howatt		Mr. Joseph Clarke
Robert Taylor		T. W. Thacker			
W. S. Swanson		Wm. Carruthers	Rev. Dr. Gibson		Mr. W. Garden
					W. G. C. Shields
Rev. John Kelly		Mr. Henry Robson			John Hume
Henry Miller		Alex. Durward			Rev. Dr. Wright
With Presbytery Representatives.					
CONVENER: Mr. T. W. Thacker.					

11.—PUBLIC PRAISE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. John Mauchlen		Mr. A. C. Falconer	Rev. J. R. Howatt		Mr. F. G. Edwards
Henry Miller		Robert Wales			
Duncan Sillars		Ninian Merrylees	Rev. Dr. Murphy		Mr. J. N. Boyd
			George Johnstone		James Robb
Rev. J. W. Rodger		Mr. Alex. Guthrie	W. A. Walton		
D. Matheson		W. Farquharson			
With Presbytery Representatives.					
CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Murphy.					

12.—GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Officials of the Standing Committees, together with Presbytery Representatives.
 CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

13.—BOARD OF NOMINATION TO MODERATORSHIP.

The Moderators of the Synod who have passed the Chair, together with the Presbytery Representatives.
 CONVENER: The Moderator.

14.—DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

MINISTERS.		MINISTERS.
Rev. Dr. Gibb		Rev. James Christie
Dr. Muir		G. Elder
Dr. Morlson		
With Presbytery Representatives.		
CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Muir.		

15.—OVERSIGHT OF SOLDIERS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Fraser		Lieut.-General Anderson
James Christie		Colonel Anderson (Plymouth)
A. C. Alexander		Sir G. B. Pechell, Bart.
J. Cunningham		Mr. J. A. Swanston
		W. G. Creighton
With Chaplains and other Ministers having Oversight of Soldiers as Corresponding Members.		
CONVENER: Rev. J. Christie.		

16.—STATISTICS.

MINISTERS.
Rev. Dr. MacEwan
W. Ballantyne

ELDERS.
Dr. Leone Levi
Mr. Robert Wales
R. A. MacLean

CONVENER: Dr. Levi.

17.—TREASURERSHIP.

Mr. George Duncan
John Bell
R. T. Turnbull
John Johnstone
W. L. Watson
D. Matheson

Mr. W. D. Anderson
Robert Wales
Jasper Young
Alister G. Fraser
J. Alexander
R. Niven

CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

18.—JUDICIAL.

MINISTERS.
Rev. Principal Chalmers
Dr. Dykes
Dr. Edmond

ELDERS.
Mr. Gainsford Bruce, Q.C.
Dr. Leone Levi
Mr. C. E. Lewis, M.P.
Samuel Stitt

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. McCaw.

B.—SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1.—THE CHURCH'S RELATION TO THE CONFESSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. the Moderator	Mr. S. Smith, M.P.
Principal Chalmers	Geo. Duncan
Dr. Edmond	Robert Whyte
Fraser	Dr. Leone Levi
Dykes	Mr. Robt. Wales
H. S. Paterson	G. Bruce, Q.C.
Symington	Samuel Stitt
Macleod	T. Bell (Liverpool)
Graham	Francis Johnston
McCaw	Thos. Hepburn
Simpson	Wm. Sutton
Geo. Johnstone	Thos. Hall
R. H. Lundie	John A. Beith

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Robert Taylor	Mr. Robert Amos
J. Schlater	Robert Hedley
A. H. Drysdale	W. Carruthers
John Thompson	W. S. Wilkinson
John B. Meharry	R. Barclay
W. A. Walton	
W. Limont	
J. Howie Boyd	
A. N. Mackray	
Robert Cowan	
J. T. McGaw	
Wm. Dale	

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

2.—DEPUTIES TO THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

MINISTERS.
The Moderator
Rev. W. S. Swanson
Benjamin Bell

ELDER.
Mr. G. A. Main

3.—DEPUTIES TO THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN ENGLAND.

MINISTERS.
The Moderator
Dr. Sinclair Paterson

ELDER.
Mr. G. B. Bruce

4.—DEPUTIES TO THE WELSH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

MINISTER.
Rev. W. Hutton

ELDER.
Mr. Francis Johnston

5.—CORRESPONDING MEMBERS TO THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

MINISTERS.
The Moderator
Rev. John Parker
Dr. Muir
Joseph Rorke
Geo. Henderson
W. A. Walton

ELDERS.
Mr. Thomas Carruthers
William Sutton
James Ewing
Geo. W. Arnison
J. C. Edminson

CONVENER: The Moderator.

6.—COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

MINISTERS.
Rev. Dr. Fraser
Dr. Dykes
Dr. Edmond
Dr. McCaw
Dr. Muir

ELDERS.
Mr. G. B. Bruce
H. M. Matheson
Samuel Stitt
Robert Amos
J. C. Stevenson, M.P.

CONVENER: Dr. Fraser.

7.—COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. The Moderator	Mr. Robert Amos
Dr. Fraser	Lamont
Dr. Dykes	W. Carruthers
Dr. Murphy	W. Garden
Robt. Taylor	Rev. John Kelly
George Johnstone	Mr. Robert Whyte
J. T. McGaw	R. T. Turnbull

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. W. A. Walton	Mr. H. M. Matheson
H. C. Wilson	G. B. Bruce
C. Moinet	W. R. Galbraith
A. L. Henderson	
J. W. Rodger	
James Stuart	
D. Matheson	

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Fraser.

8.—BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR SYNOD, 1887.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. G. B. Bruce
Dr. McEwan	H. M. Matheson
John Bogue	George Duncan
James McKenzie	Robert Wales
R. H. Lundie	Samuel Stitt

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. William Hutton	Mr. R. T. Turnbull
William Rogerson	John A. Beith
J. T. McGaw	Alex. Guthrie
John Reid, sen.	G. B. Blair
Wm. Young	

With 22 Presbytery Representatives, and with the General Secretary, and the Clerk of Synod.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Fraser.

9.—OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. J. Muir Leitch	Rev. Dr. Murphy	Mr. J. A. Beith
Grosart	G. B. Bruce	Prof. Elmslie	Jas. Goodman
Macleod	Thomas Bell	J. T. McGaw	
Morison	Samuel Stitt	W. A. Walton	

CONVENER: Rev. Charles Moinet.

10.—ACTING CHAPLAINS TO PRESBYTERIAN TROOPS.

Alderney		Plymouth	Rev. Joseph Wood
Bradford	Rev. Robert S. Coffey	Portsmouth	Andrew Halliday
Brighton	William Fraser, M.A.	Preston	S. MacNaughton, M.A.
Carlisle	James Christie, B.A.	Reading	A. N. Ross
Chatham	James Lees	Sheffield	W. Marcus
Chester	J. Mitchell, B.D.	Shrewsbury	
Eastbourne	H. C. Wilson, M.A.	Stafford District	S. D. Scammell
Gravesend	R. Baggins	Sunderland	Jas. S. Rae
Guernsey	H. Millican	Totton	John Johnstone
Ipswich	Alexander Jeffrey	Warrington	J. Warnock, M.A., B.D.
Jersey	Dr. McCaw	Woolwich	Dr. Raitt
Liverpool	H. T. Howat, D.D.	York	
Norwich	W. A. McAllan		

11.—DELEGATES TO FEDERAL COUNCIL.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. The Moderator	Mr. Thomas Bell	Rev. G. W. Ellison	Mr. Thos. Carruthers
Dr. Edmond	William Sutton	Jas. Mackenzie	Thomas P. Dods
Dr. James Muir	Robert Amos	J. B. Meharry	Alex. Forrest
Dr. Fraser	W. S. Wilkinson	Robert MacNair	J. Porteous, jun.
John Thompson	Geo. Bell, jun.	A. H. Drysdale	John Muir
R. H. Lundie	John Johnstone	W. Ainslie Walton	John Price
J. Howie Boyd	(Newcastle)	James Christie	Joseph Scott
John Black	James Goodman	Wm. Young	
Wm. Rogerson	Samuel Stitt	Richard Leitch	
John Bogue	Alex. Armour		

CONVENER: The Moderator.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR FEDERAL COUNCIL.

MINISTERS.	ELDER.	MINISTERS.
Rev. John Thompson	Mr. Thomas Bell	Rev. J. Howie Boyd
R. H. Lundie		John Black

CONVENER: Rev. John Black.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. That for the convenience of Sessions the Clerk shall, at least one month before the meeting of Synod, issue to each Session a copy of the form of Commission, and of the Certificate appointed to be used for certifying Elders.

2. That all Commissions transmitted to the Clerk of Synod shall be revised by him, in so far as regards the regularity of said Commissions in point of form, and that he shall report to the Committee appointed by the Synod for revising Commissions only such as are defective or irregular.

3. That all Overtures, Returns to Overtures from Inferior Courts, and all papers transmitted by the Inferior Courts shall be in the form of Certified Extracts from the Minutes of said Courts, and that all such, as well as Elders' Commissions, shall be in the hands of the Clerk of Synod ten days at least before the meeting of Synod.

4. That papers in cases from Inferior Courts, whether forming part of the Record or produced in evidence before said Courts, shall, in each case, before they are given in, be duly dated, numbered, and initialled by the Clerk of the Court from which they come, and be accompanied by petition for transmission to the Committee on Bills by the parties sending them in.

5. That the Synod at its first Sederunt shall appoint two Committees—one to be called the Committee on Commissions and Records, and the other the Selection Committee. That the former shall consist of forty members, all chosen by the Synod and it shall be charged with the revision of such Elders' Commissions as the Clerk may report to be defective or irregular, and of the Records of the Synod, the Presbyteries, and the Standing Committees. That the latter shall consist of the Conveners of existing standing Committees, along with a member selected by each Presbytery—his name to be forwarded to the Clerk ten days before the meeting of Synod; and that it shall be charged with the nomination of suitable persons to act on the various Committees of the Church.

6. That at a suitable time the Synod shall appoint a Committee on Bills and Business for the following Synod; that it shall be chosen jointly by the Synod and the Presbyteries—each Presbytery being authorised to nominate one member for every fifteen congregations or fraction thereof—the names of the persons so nominated to be in the hands of the Clerk ten days before the meeting of the said following Synod; that it shall be charged with the revision and transmission of all papers to be laid on the table of the Synod, and with the arrangement of the Order of Business; and that it shall meet on the afternoon of the day of the Synod's meeting, so as to be able to report at the first Sederunt.

7. That the Synod shall meet on Monday evening at Six o'clock, and shall be prepared to enter on business not later than Eight o'clock.

8. That the Clerk shall report to the Synod on the Monday evening in regard to Elders' Commissions, so that the Roll may be made up at once, except in the case of such defective or irregular Commissions as may have been reported to the Committee on Commissions and Records.

9. That the following arrangement shall, as far as practicable, be observed during the sittings of the Synod, namely:—

MONDAY.

That the Business Committee shall submit its Report immediately after that on Ministerial Changes, to be followed by—

- (1.) Applications from Persons and Places.
- (2.) Petitions, References, and other Communications *not* cognate to Reports of Synodical Committees.
- (3.) Such other Business as the Business Committee may suggest.

TUESDAY.

- (1.) That the Synod shall first observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper—the service not to extend beyond an hour—and then proceed to business, without adjournment.
- (2.) That immediately after the reception of the Reports of the Committee on defective or irregular Commissions (if any), the Corresponding Members of the United Presbyterian Church be received by an official recognition from the Moderator's Chair, with a brief reply from one of the Corresponding Members; after which the reports of the Business and Selection Committees shall be received.
- (3.) That one hour thereafter be devoted to the reception of the Reports of Synod Deputies, with Conference on the State of Religion, after which the morning sitting to be devoted, so far as necessary, to the Reports of the Home, Jewish, and Foreign Missions, as at present.
- (4.) That the first hour of the evening sitting be devoted to such business as may be arranged; that the two hours from seven till nine be allowed for Missionary addresses; the remainder of the evening to be devoted to ordinary business, as may be required.

WEDNESDAY.

- (1.) That the Report of the College Committee shall immediately follow that of the Committee on Ministerial Support, the remainder of the Sederunt being occupied by such other business as may be arranged.
- (2.) That the reception of Deputies from other Churches shall form an order of the day for 7.30 in the evening, the preceding hour and a half being devoted to General Business; that no Deputy be heard who has not been formally commissioned; that the papers of Deputies, having been duly passed through the Business Committee, be simply reported but not read in court; that Deputies from Home Churches be received first, and then those from Colonial and Foreign Churches, the two latter changing places at alternate Synods; that not more than two Deputies be heard from any one Church; that each Foreign Deputy be allowed a quarter of an hour, provided the whole of the Foreign Deputies do not in any case occupy more than one hour in all; and that the Moderator acknowledge the addresses of the Deputies at the close without formal motion.

THURSDAY.

- (1.) That the morning be reserved, as far as possible or necessary, for important questions that may from time to time be brought before the Synod.
- (2.) That Committees to which matters shall have been specially referred submit their Reports, as far as possible, in the evening up till 7.30 [or 8] o'clock when there shall be an order of the day for the reception of the Report on the Instruction of Youth.

FRIDAY.

That this day shall be devoted to the remanent business of the Synod, and that Members shall be expected to arrange to remain over the day.

10. That, except in the case of the last day's proceedings, the Minutes having been previously printed and placed in the hands of Members, shall be held as read, and be sustained accordingly at the beginning of each day's proceedings, with such corrections as may then be made.

11. That the Reports of the Committees of the Synod shall be printed and circulated along with the Minutes of Synod; and that a copy of the same shall be bound up in volumes and preserved among the Documents of the Synod.

12. That in cases where parties are called to the bar, two speeches only shall be heard from each party, including the reply, to which the appellant or complainant shall be entitled. But if there be more than two parties, there shall be only one speech from each, besides the reply. In case of there being more than one complainant, and it appearing that the complaints are on distinctly separate grounds, each may be considered a separate party.

13. That the following shall be the order in regard to Motions, Votes, and Decisions:—1. Every motion or amendment shall be given in to the Clerk, in writing, as soon as it shall have been read to the House. 2. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the House, except as an amendment thereon, or as an alternative motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod. 3. The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter, the debate shall be held definitely closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting in regard to the manner of putting the vote. 4. When there are only two motions before the House the question put to the vote shall be—Motion or Amendment, or first or second Motion? When there are more than two Motions a vote is taken successively upon each, and unless it shall appear that one of the Motions has a clear majority of all the votes, that which had the least number shall be dropped, and a fresh vote taken upon those that remain, till only one shall be left, when the remaining Motion shall be finally put to the House as a substantive Motion. The voting shall be either by an open show of hands, or by ballot, or by calling the Roll of the House. In the first case the Moderator or Clerk counts the votes, but if needful, tellers may be appointed to assist him. In the case of ballot, voting papers shall be prepared and supplied to members of the Court; and on their being collected they shall be referred to two or more scrutineers appointed by the Court, who shall ascertain the result and report the same. In the case of calling the Roll, the names of the Members arranged in Presbyteries are called seriatim by the Clerk, and each Member's vote on being tendered is marked by the Clerk. The votes are then summed up, and the result announced by the Moderator.

14. That in bringing up a Report from the Committee, the Convener thereof shall move the reception of the Report, and the adoption of such resolutions as the Report contains, or suggests may be proposed to the House, with such additional resolution or resolutions as may seem necessary or desirable.

15. That any proposal for a pause in the Synod's proceedings, with a view to engage in special Devotional Exercises, shall be made to the Synod only through the Moderator. That all letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the House, shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator on the way of disposing of them.

16. That the Records of Synod, Presbyteries, and Standing Committees be called for at the first Morning Sitting, and remitted to the Committee on Records for examination. The Moderator or Clerk shall attest the same in accordance with their report.

17. That no Committee shall continue to sit after the Moderator shall have taken the Chair.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

AND OTHER PAPERS

PRESENTED TO THE

ELEVENTH SYNOD

OF THE

Presbyterian Church of England,

HELD AT

LONDON, APRIL 1886.

The following are certified as the Reports received by the Synod of 1886.

WILLIAM McCRAW, *Synod Clerk*

JERSEY: *May 1886.*

I.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL CHANGES

FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR 1885-86.

PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

1. The Rev. Andrew Cant, formerly Minister at Tweedmouth, died May 14, 1885.
at Newcastle.
2. The Rev. William Thornbeck, of Tweedmouth, died. Jan. 21, 1886.
3. The Rev. W. Ainslie Walton, M.A., B.D., was inducted at Feb. 18, 1886.
Wallace Green, Berwick.

PRESBYTERY OF BIRMINGHAM.

1. The Rev. William McCraith resigned his charge at New John June 2, 1885.
Street, Birmingham.
2. The Rev. J. Nisbet Wallace was translated from Shrewsbury. June 2, 1885.
3. The Rev. J. W. Rodger was translated from Wolverhampton. June 2, 1885.
4. The Rev. A. M. Dalrymple, M.A., resigned his charge at Smeth- June 2, 1885.
wick, Birmingham.
5. Mr. J. H. Scott was ordained at Worcester. Oct. 22, 1885.
6. The Rev. J. M. McKerrow, B.A., resigned his charge at Nov. 3, 1885.
Camphill, Birmingham.
7. The Rev. J. McKeown was inducted at New John Street, Dec. 1, 1885.
Birmingham.
8. The Rev. J. B. Thorburn, M.A., B.D., resigned his charge at Jan. 5, 1886.
Broad Street, Birmingham.
9. The Rev. David Buchanan was inducted at Smethwick, Bir- Mar. 23, 1886.
mingham.

PRESBYTERY OF BRISTOL.

- June 29, 1885. 1. The Rev. J. Nisbet Wallace was inducted at Swindon.
July 23, 1885 2. The Rev. W. E. Shaw, M.A., was inducted at Swansea.
Sept. 30, 1885 3. The Rev. W. Millar Nicolson, M.A., D.Sc., was inducted at
Bristol.
Nov. 24, 1885. 4. The Rev. William Hareus, M.A., was translated from Aberdare.
Feb. 11, 1886. 5. The Rev. John Foulkes was inducted at Aberdare.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

- May 28, 1885. 1. Mr. J. Scott Cockburn was ordained at Penrith.
July 20, 1885. 2. Mr. W. C. Blount was ordained at Brampton.

PRESBYTERY OF DARLINGTON.

- July 7, 1885. 1. The Rev. James Climie, M.A., resigned his charge at Scarborough.
Aug. 23, 1885. 2. The Rev. W. P. Mackay, M.A., M.D., of Prospect Street, Hull,
died.
Oct. 1, 1885. 3. Mr. James Peddie, B.A., was ordained at Trinity Church,
Middlesbrough.
Mar. 3, 1885. 4. Mr. W. Smith was ordained at Scarborough.
Jan. 3, 1886. 5. The Rev. Thomas Dods died at Crook.
Jan. 14, 1886. 6. The Rev. W. T. Linn died at York.
April 15, 1886. 7. The Rev. J. G. Train was inducted at Prospect Street, Hull.

PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

- June 10, 1885. 1. The Rev. J. Forrest, M.A., was inducted at Douglas.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

- April 29, 1885. 1. The Rev. James M. Erskine died at Bow Road, London.
May 12, 1885. 2. The Rev. David Alexander resigned his charge at Bermondsey,
London.
May 19, 1885. 3. The Rev. Robert Vint, M.A., B.D., died at Southampton.
May 28, 1885. 4. The Rev. Peter Carmichael, M.A., B.D., was inducted to the
co-pastorate of Park Church, Highbury, London.
June 9, 1885. 5. The Rev. W. E. Shaw, M.A., was translated from Edenbridge.
July 9, 1885. 6. The Rev. J. W. Rodger was inducted at Bournemouth.
July 14, 1885. 7. The Rev. James Maltman, M.A., resigned his charge at
Holybourne.

8. The Rev. W. Millar Nicolson, M.A., D.Sc., was translated from Aug. 11, 1885
Jersey.

9. The Rev. Alexander Stirling resigned his charge at Stepney, Nov. 10, 1885
London.

10. The Rev. W. M. McPhail, M.A., was inducted at Streatham, Nov. 12, 1885
London.

11. The Rev. Ellis Hewitt was inducted at Edenbridge. Mar. 18, 1886

12. The Rev. W. Harvey Jellie was translated from Canterbury. Mar. 18, 1886

13. The Rev. W. Harvey Jellie was inducted at St. Andrew's, April 1, 1886
Southampton.

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

1. The Rev. William Dunn was inducted at Risley. July 23, 1885

2. The Rev. William Hareus, M.A., was inducted at Sheffield. Dec. 17, 1885

3. The Rev. William T. Johnston, B.A., resigned his charge at Jan. 11, 1886
Bowdon, Manchester.

4. The Rev. William McCaw, D.D., was translated from Trinity, April 5, 1886
Manchester.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

1. The Rev. Adam T. Landreth was declared Minister Emeritus, of May 1, 1885.
Wark, by the Synod.

2. Mr. P. Pease was ordained at Waterloo Road, Blyth. July 2, 1885.

3. The Rev. Forrest F. Young, M.A., was inducted at Wark. Aug. 27, 1885.

4. The Rev. William Profeit, M.A., was translated from St. Kilda's, Sept. 1, 1885.
Jarrow.

5. The Rev. Daniel Patterson, M.A., was inducted at Millfield, Oct. 22, 1885.
Sunderland.

6. The Rev. W. Ainslie Walton, M.A., B.D., was translated from Jan. 12, 1886.
St. George's, Sunderland.

7. The Rev. William Fairweather was translated from Swalwell. Jan. 12, 1886.

8. Mr. J. T. Middlemiss was ordained at North Bridge Street, Jn. 26, 1886.
Sunderland.

9. The Rev. W. T. McClenaghan died at Gateshead. April 20, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

1. Mr. John W. Black was ordained at Newbiggin. May 21, 1885.

2. Mr. Alexander Gregory, M.A. was ordained at West Church, July 15, 1885.
Wooler.

TABULATED STATEMENT.

Presbytery of—	Ordinatus.	Inductus.	Translatus.	Resignatus.	Deaths.	Totals.
Berwick .....	...	1	...	...	2	3
Birmingham	1	2	2	4	...	9
Bristol .....	...	4	1	...	...	5
Carlisle	2	...	...	...	...	2
Darlington.....	2	1	...	1	3	7
Liverpool	1	1
London	5	3	3	2	13
Manchester	2	1	1	...	4
Newcastle	2	2	3	1	1	9
Northumberland	2	2
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	9	18	10	10	8	55

Submitted to the Synod of 1886 by

WILLIAM McCRAW,

Synod Clerk.

II.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

I.—SUSTENTATION FUND.

AFTER another year of severe commercial depression, and of considerable anxiety in its closing months, your Committee are thankful to report that the equal dividend has been maintained at the figure of £200, at which it has now stood for ten years.

In view of what appeared to be the somewhat critical position of the Fund at the close of the third quarter, your Committee issued a special circular to all the Congregations of the Church, pointing out the exact position of the Fund, and urging that efforts be put forth to maintain the income, that the necessity might be avoided of reducing the dividend. The corresponding members in the stronger Presbyteries were also communicated with, and requested to use what means seemed good to them in their respective districts to secure the Fund against any serious reduction of the income available as Aid. Notwithstanding these efforts, the amount contributed in Aid by the stronger Congregations fell by £107 0s. 2*d.*, while the income from other sources was less by £33 19s. 1*d.* than in 1884, making a total loss of £140 19s. 3*d.* for the year. Fortunately, it proved possible to keep down the expenditure for the year in a similar proportion, and the account closed, we are glad to say, with a credit balance of £69 1s. 1*d.* This, together with a legacy of £200, has been transferred to the Reserve Fund, in repayment of advances which were made from the Fund in the earlier years of its existence. The Reserve Fund now stands at £2,100 16s. 5*d.*, leaving, according to the terms of the original arrangement, £399 3s. 7*d.* still to be repaid.

While grateful for what has been thus attained, your Committee cannot but feel considerable anxiety for the future. For three years the amount supplied from Congregational sources as Aid has steadily diminished, being £522 13s. 7*d.* less in 1885 than it was in 1882. Through the praiseworthy progress made by the Aided Congregations, and other

circumstances tending to reduce expenditure, it has been possible, notwithstanding this diminution of income, to meet the requirements of the Fund for the past year. But it is plain that this cannot go on. The amount expended in Aid in 1885 is once more slightly less than in 1884 (by £55 12s. 1*d.*); but if the Church is to advance, the demands on this Fund must necessarily increase; and even for present obligations it is only too obvious that the Fund cannot possibly bear any further reduction in the amount furnished as Aid. Your Committee will continue to do their utmost to avoid all waste of the funds placed at their disposal; but they must rely on the 'generosity' of our Congregations and their 'sense of duty to the whole Church,' to provide what is necessary to secure the continuance of the modest provision for the comfort of our ministers which is made under the present arrangements.

Your Committee must continue to press upon the notice of the Synod the evidence furnished with regard to Aided Congregations by the figures of the last eight years—the period during which all of them have been connected with this Fund—that these Congregations have really, as a whole, deserved well of the Church. They venture once more to submit figures showing the Aid needed by one class of Congregations and furnished by another.

Year.	Aid supplied to Congregations.			Aid furnished by Congregations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1878	6,443	7	6	5,097	10	0
1879	6,156	2	4	5,292	11	0
1880	6,018	9	2	5,798	2	11
1881	6,009	13	3	5,635	5	5
1882	5,714	11	3	6,002	12	1
1883	5,683	1	5	5,818	6	5
1884	5,464	6	0	5,586	18	8
1885	5,409	13	11	5,479	18	6
Improvement	1,033	13	7	382	8	6

The first of these columns requires to be qualified by the observation that five Congregations, aided from the Sustentation Fund in 1878, drew together £135 10s. from the Home Mission Fund in 1885. This sum, therefore, requires to be deducted from the £1,033 13s. 7*d.* saved to the Sustentation Fund, to show the net saving to the public Funds of the Church. There remains, however, the substantial sum of £898 3s. 7*d.*, which has been saved to the Church during these eight years, notwithstanding the fact that fifteen Congregations are on the Fund to-day which were not on it in 1878, and which drew from it last year £581 6s. 5*d.* in aid. The real saving as regards the obligations of 1878 has therefore been £1,479 10s. During the same period, ten Congregations have risen to the self-sustaining—some of them to the Aid-giving—point. The average amount of Aid given is about £55 per Congregation. Your Committee do not think there is any Church that can show better results.

The financial position, as it has been stated above, is certainly not very encouraging as regards the question of assuming new burdens in the coming year. Your Committee received one Congregation on the Fund in March last which will add £50 to the obligations of the current financial year. They think they might perhaps be empowered to receive *one more*, or perhaps *two*, should the position of the Fund render this possible, during the course of next Synodical year.

It was intimated to last Synod that the Muter Dividends for 1885 were not likely to exceed £730. The Financial Statement shows that they have amounted to £733 8s. 2d. The Trustees have still been unable to dispose of the London, Chatham, and Dover Ordinary and the Caledonian Deferred Stocks held by them, but propose doing so on the first favourable opportunity.

Full details will be found in the Appendices of the transactions with each Congregation (A), as well as analyses showing the different relations in which Congregations stand to the Fund (B), the changes which have taken place in the position of Aided Congregations between 1878 and 1885 (C), and the Aid needed and furnished in the several Presbyteries (D).

II.—AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The annuitants on this Fund, as arranged at last Synod, were seven in number, including one placed on the Fund for only one year, the total amount of the annuities being £255. In the course of the year, however, a former annuitant—who had temporarily withdrawn from the Fund in terms of the rule in that case provided, in consequence of his income otherwise having reached £150—was obliged, through loss of income, to renew his claim, the total amount of the current annuities being thus raised to £295, while the income from investments only amounted last year to £288 15s. 5d.

This position of matters could not fail to give increased force to the Overture from the Presbytery of Newcastle, remitted to this Committee for consideration, proposing that prompt steps should be taken to increase the capital of the Fund, with a view to the early increase of the annuities. The necessity for some action became more urgent when it was found that the income from investments was not sufficient to meet the existing annuities. Having carefully considered the Overture referred to, together with the present position of the Fund, the Committee resolved that while it is obviously most desirable that the capital of this Fund should be speedily and substantially increased, the present does not seem to be a good time for calling for large subscriptions for this purpose, and that effort will be best directed in the meantime to making arrangements to meet the present immediate emergency. With this view they resolved to request a special contribution to the Fund from every Congregation of the Church, by collection or otherwise, during the present financial year, with the understanding that the amount so raised shall be drawn upon if, or so far as, necessary to meet

the annuities, and not go exclusively to capital. It was further resolved to take means through the pages of the *Messenger* to give full publicity to the claims and necessities of the Fund, and to invite contributions to the ordinary capital, with the view of increasing the annuities at the earliest possible period. They report accordingly.

Your Committee had also under consideration the Overture of the Newcastle Presbytery remitted by last Synod, and after careful consideration resolved to report that, in view alike of the practice of other Churches and of the present difficulties of the Fund, it does not seem expedient to make any alteration in the Rule limiting its benefits to ministers and missionaries who shall have become permanently incapacitated for duty.

Since these decisions were arrived at an application has come before the Committee from the Presbytery of Newcastle, on behalf of the Rev. J. R. Howat, late of North Bridge Street, Sunderland, who, after a brief ministry of seven years, was obliged at the close of 1884, by an entire break-down in his health, to retire from his charge. There being no prospect of his being able to resume duty, your Committee recommend that he be placed on the Fund for an annuity of £30 *per annum*, trusting that the response to the collection asked for will be such as to enable them to meet this additional claim.

III.—WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The membership of the Fund remains almost exactly the same as reported to last Synod, the additions having been nearly balanced by deaths and the withdrawal of members from the Fund on removal. The total number of members is now 312, against 311 in last Report. It is otherwise with the annuitants, who, in consequence of the abnormal number of deaths, have very largely increased. There are now twenty-six widows on the Fund and forty-nine orphans, against twenty widows and twenty-nine orphans reported to last Synod. The capital is now £31,349 7s. 11d., and the annual income from investments £1,263 4s. 9d.

The advance of this important Fund, both in resources and responsibilities, will be found in the following table, which is carried back to 1878-9 when it came to include Ministers of both sections of the Church.

Year	Members	Annuitants			Capital	Revenue from Investments
		Widows	Orphans	Total		
					£	£ s. d.
1878-9	227	10	13	23	14,700	680 0 0
1879-80	231	10	11	21	16,618	745 0 0
1880-1	247	12	20	32	18,923	759 0 0
1881-2	272	14	20	34	20,714	855 8 9
1882-3	290	17	24	41	21,006	938 13 11
1883-4	297	19	26	45	26,102	1,100 5 11
1884-5	311	20	29	49	28,740	1,153 15 6
1885-6	312	26	49	75	31,349	1,263 4 9

Mr. T. Y. Strachan, of Newcastle, has again conducted the actuarial inquiry into the position of the Fund, as on December 31, 1884, and your Committee are glad to find that his view of the position is more satisfactory than they had dared to anticipate, showing that the deficiency in capital to secure the representatives of the present membership is only £256.

His report is as follows :—

To the Committee on Ministerial Support of the Presbyterian Church of England.

GENTLEMEN,—I have now the gratification of reporting to you upon the position of the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund at December 31, 1884, to enable you to make the triennial investigation into its position anticipated in Rule 4.

The growth of the Fund during the three years will be seen from the Consolidated Revenue Account, December 31, 1881, to December 31, 1884.

January 1, 1882.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Funds in hand...	20,858	6	2	By Annuities ...	2,187	10	0
„ Members' contributions	5,074	18	9	„ Contributions returned	63	0	0
„ Marriage fees ...	215	0	0	„ Expenses ...	258	5	10
„ Induction fees ...	347	17	1	December 31, 1884.			
„ Donations ...	1,706	7	0	„ Funds in hand ...	28,927	6	6
„ Interest... ..	3,233	13	4				
	<u>£31,436</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>				
					<u>£31,436</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

The interest averages about 4·33 per cent. per annum.

The Incumbents on the Fund at 1881 were 14 widows and 20 orphans. At 1884 there were 19 widows and 26 orphans. The number of members has increased from 272 to 317.

Of these members 15 are widowers, 246 married, and 56 bachelors. There are 634 children of members, under 18 years of age.

The members comprise :—

235 Ministers in charges in the Church.

4 Professors and Secretary.

29 Missionaries.

49 who have left the Church.

317

Eighteen of the latter are paying the increased rate of £7 10s. per annum. To provide for the payments of the Annuities to the present Incumbents, it is estimated, will require £8,813; being an increase of £1,964 over last valuation. The Annuities to present and future wives are estimated to require £34,395—now, being £6,720 more than before; while the Annuities to children are estimated at £6,464, being £1,054 more. The estimated value of future expenses was taken last time at 4 per cent. of the Contribution Income. The cost as shown in the Consolidated Revenue Account has been 5 per cent. during the triennium. The value is taken at the increased rate of cost, viz. £1,044, instead of £730.

On the other side of the Valuation Balance Sheet the value of the

contributions is taken at £20,884, being an increase of £2,625; and the funds in hand have increased by £8,069, being now £28,927.

The result of the whole is to bring out a small deficiency of £256, as shown on the

Valuation Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1884.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
<p>To the present Incumbents on the Fund, viz.:—</p> <p>To present value of the Annuities to 19 widows £7,737</p> <p>Ditto 26 children 1,076</p> <p>£8,813</p> <p>„ Present value of the Contingent Reversionary Annuities payable to the present and future wives of members on their survival... .. 34,395</p> <p>„ Present value of the Contingent Reversionary Annuities payable to the present and future children of members 6,464</p> <p>„ Estimated present value of the expenses of conducting the Fund 1,044</p> <p><u>£50,716</u></p>	<p>By present value of the Contributions payable by members ... £20,884</p> <p>„ Estimated present value of Marriage fees ... £294</p> <p>Induction fees ... 174</p> <p>468</p> <p>„ Arrears:—</p> <p>Due from widows, to complete benefits...£142 10s.</p> <p>Induction fees ... 39 0</p> <p>181</p> <p>„ Funds in hand... .. 28,927</p> <p>„ Deficiency 256</p> <p><u>£50,716</u></p>

The deficiency shown three years ago was £1,073. There has been received as donations £1,706. It was pointed out in the last Report that the benefits exceeded the value of the contributions, and this is shown to have foundation in the experience of the three years. In the present Account the value of the additional £2 10s. per annum paid by the 18 members of the Fund has not been brought to credit, for the reasons explained in 1881—that if any of them was called to office in this Church their contributions would revert to the original and smaller amount.

No negative values have been brought into this valuation. The result is one which appears to me to justify the Committee in continuing the benefits as at present. At the end of 1887 we will be able again to test the results and position attained by the Fund.

In a Society of this nature we must look for aberrations from the standard of valuation, resulting not only from the small number at risk, but also from the peculiar nature of the benefits, the liability for which may be greatly varied by the exercise of the will of members—hence the periodic Actuarial investigation becomes both important and interesting.

Respectfully submitted by

T. Y. STRACHAN,

Actuary.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, March 4, 1886.

It has been already noticed that the claims that have come on the Fund since 1884 have been abnormally heavy, and an actuarial inquiry at this point might possibly not give equally favourable results. Meanwhile the Church has reason for thankfulness that this important Fund

was found in so sound a position at the date to which the above report refers.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

DONALD FRASER,
DAVID MacEWAN,

Joint Conveners.

[For Financial Statement see under 'Accounts of the Church'—Sustentation Fund, p. 254; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, p. 256; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, p. 258.]

Appendix A.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.	
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£	s. d.
Berwick Presbytery.							
1	Ancroft Moor	115	15	13	£ 3 6 8	£ 76 13 4	
2	Beaumont	344	a ...	...	7 12 1	127 7 11
3	Belford	235	132	56	14 1 3	115 18 9	
4	Berwick, Bankhill	270	36	13	17 0 0	183 0 0	
5	" Wallace Green	*825	76	9	62 14 0	...	
6	Chatton... ..	262	92	35	19 14 5	140 5 7	
7	Crookham	160	23	14	19 14 0	70 6 0	
8	Etal	206	65	32	20 0 0	100 0 0	
9	Horncliffe	207	37	18	7 17 2	97 2 10	
10	Lowick	184	p ...	...	20 17 6	94 2 6
11	Norham, North	197	140	71	19 0 0	89 0 0	
12	" South	135	a ...	...	11 13 4	93 6 8
13	Tweedmouth	234	225	96	11 7 3	98 12 9	
		3374	841	31	234 17 8	1285 16 4	
Birmingham Presbytery.							
14	Birmingham, Broad Street ...	120	69	58	51 14 0	148 6 0	
15	" Camphill	157	c ...	...	64 0 6	138 9 6
16	" New John Street	69	b 45	65	48 14 2	70 9 2	
17	" Smethwick	75	26	35	11 15 6	43 4 6	
18	Derby	90	37	41	43 15 6	156 4 6	
19	Dudley	44	13	30	10 5 3	69 14 9	
20	Hanley	113	25	22	46 11 6	103 8 6	
21	Leicester	90	72	80	28 0 0	92 0 0	
22	Nottingham	225	78	35	129 0 0	81 0 0	
23	Shrewsbury	58	27	47	33 12 11	51 17 1	
24	Stafford	118	31	26	17 0 0	163 0 0	
25	Wolverhampton	206	47	23	35 0 0	171 5 0	
26	Worcester	82	28	34	10 15 0	114 5 0	
		1447	498	39	530 4 4	1403 4 0	
Bristol Presbytery.							
27	Aberdare	51	49	96	34 0 0	91 0 0	
28	Bristol	192	a ...	...	14 10 0	...
29	Cardiff	309	159	51	111 0 0	139 0 0	
30	Cheltenham	145	56	39	25 0 0	200 0 0	
31	Gloucester	161	180	112	68 1 2	139 8 10	
32	Plymouth	177	29	16	30 0 0	190 0 0	
33	Swansea	133	50	38	46 0 0	154 0 0	
34	Swindon	85	68	80	3 12 0	58 18 0	
35	Torquay	144	111	77	236 0 0	24 0 0	
		1397	702	58	568 3 2	996 6 10	

(a) Collections.

(b) Exclusive of Sabbath School, which also contributes.

(c) Subscriptions with Pew Rents

(p) Box at Church door. * 31 belonging to Congregational Mission.

STATEMENT, 1885.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust, and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
80 0 0	0 13 11	14	...	94 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		1
135 0 0	0 7 10	14	...	149 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		2
130 0 0	0 11 1	...	...	130 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		3
200 0 0	0 14 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		4
62 14 0	0 6 4	...	200	262 14 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		5
160 0 0	0 12 3	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		6
90 0 0	0 11 3	14	...	104 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		7
120 0 0	0 11 8	10	...	130 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		8
105 0 0	0 10 2	14	...	119 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		9
115 0 0	0 12 6	11	...	126 0 0	206 0 0	...	206 0 0		10
108 0 0	0 11 0	12	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		11
105 0 0	0 15 7	12	...	117 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		12
110 0 0	0 9 5	...	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		13
1520 14 0	0 10 2	101	200	1821 14 0	2516 0 0	...	2516 0 0		
200 0 0	1 13 4	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		14
202 10 0	1 5 10	...	...	202 10 0	200 0 0	125 0 0	325 0 0		15
119 3 4	1 14 6	...	...	119 3 4	153 13 10	...	153 13 10		16
55 0 0	0 14 8	...	...	55 0 0	100 0 0	...	100 0 0		17
200 0 0	2 4 5	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		18
80 0 0	1 16 4	...	...	80 0 0	119 11 0	...	119 11 0		19
150 0 0	1 6 7	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		20
120 0 0	1 6 8	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		21
210 0 0	0 18 8	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		22
85 10 0	1 9 6	...	...	85 10 0	167 9 10	...	167 9 10		23
180 0 0	1 10 6	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		24
206 5 0	1 0 0	...	...	206 5 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0		25
125 0 0	1 10 6	...	...	125 0 0	125 1 1	...	125 1 1		26
1933 8 4	1 6 9	...	...	1933 8 4	2265 15 9	375 0 0	2640 15 9		
125 0 0	2 9 0	...	...	125 0 0	191 6 10	...	191 6 10		27
14 10 0	1 2 4	...	200	214 10 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		28
250 0 0	0 16 2	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	202 10 0	402 10 0		29
225 0 0	1 11 0	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		30
207 10 0	1 5 9	...	...	207 10 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0		31
220 0 0	1 4 10	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		32
200 0 0	1 10 1	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0		33
62 10 0	0 14 8	37 10 0	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	...	100 0 0		34
260 0 0	1 16 1	...	...	260 0 0	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0		35
1564 10 0	1 2 5	37 10 0	200	1802 0 0	1691 6 10	1152 10 0	2843 16 10		

(f) For portion of year.

(g) Home Mission grant.

† Including £11 on account of 1884.

‡ £150 of this being troop-money, is not furnished by the Congregation.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.		
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£	s.	d.
Carlisle Presbytery.								
36	Bewcastle	61	70	115	£ 68 0 2	31	19	10
37	Brampton	69	34	49	12 7 6	94	12	6
38	Carlisle, Fisher Street...	405	a ...	...	57 6 0	200	0	0
39	" Warwick Road	288	d ...	...	...	210	0	0
40	Cleator Moor	94	55	59	26 0 0	139	0	0
41	Haltwhistle	31	20	65	14 14 6	65	5	6
42	Harrington	168	36	21	24 12 0	175	8	0
43	Maryport, Crosby Street	124	89	72	29 18 0	110	2	0
44	" John Street	115	77	67	34 19 0	82	10	1
45	Penrith	99	39	39	18 8 11	96	19	11
46	Silloth	70	27	39	41 5 0	38	15	0
47	Whitehaven, High Street	115	70	61	37 9 2	82	10	10
48	" Market Place	220	14	6	13 14 6	201	5	6
49	Workington	158	65	41	42 16 11	170	7	4
Darlington Presbytery.		2017	596	45	421 11 8	1698	16	6
50	Bishop Auckland	96	70	73	133 6 7	36	13	5
51	Crook	93	90	97	60 19 8	59	0	4
52	Darlington	183	120	66	72 10 0	132	10	0
53	Grimsby	151	80	53	32 13 9	122	6	3
54	Harrogate	68	30	44	20 17 4	129	2	8
55	Hartlepool	173	90	52	75 10 8	79	9	4
56	Hull, Holderness Road	197	51	26	41 1 1	108	18	11
57	" Prospect Street ...	568	a ...	...	26 11 0	...	...	...
58	" Springbank	123	80	65	108 6 2	16	13	10
59	Middlesborough, Newport Road	129	82	64	51 6 3	123	13	9
60	" Trinity	170	92	54	44 1 4	155	18	8
61	Mount Pleasant	106	42	40	28 13 4	103	16	8
62	Redcar	84	33	39	29 15 0	150	5	0
63	Stockton, St. Andrew's	227	61	27	117 14 11	92	5	1
64	" St. George's	138	49	36	39 7 0	160	13	0
65	Towlaw... ..	74	89	120	42 0 0	38	0	0
66	West Hartlepool	206	72	35	23 1 10	136	18	2
67	Whitby	87	40	46	19 17 2	60	2	10
68	York	117	105	90	42 17 9	157	2	3
		2990	1276	53	1010 10 10	1863	10	2
Liverpool Presbytery.								
69	Birkenhead, Egremont	† 515	50	10	60 12 0	199	8	0
70	" Grange Road	462	31	7	76 10 0	...	...	...
71	" Hamilton...	161	58	36	59 0 0	141	0	0
72	" Rock Ferry	258	66	26	95 0 0	105	0	0
73	" St. Andrew's	418	80	19	137 0 0	69	10	0
74	" St. Paul's	231	34	15	42 10 0	157	10	0
75	" Trinity, Cloughton *	376	† 69	18	220 0 0	199	0	0
76	Bootle, Trinity...	590	j ...	...	14 15 1	...	...	...
77	Chester, Chester	69	25	36	18 0 6	76	19	6
78	" Parkgate	69	40	58	195 16 0	20	9	0
Carried forward		3149	453	...	919 3 7	968	16	6

(a) Collections. (d) Weekly Offering system. (j) Envelope system. (†) Envelope system and Annual Collections.
 (*) 37 belonging to Congregational Mission. (‡) 200 belonging to Congregational Mission.

STATEMENT, 1885—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.				From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.												
Total Amount.		Rate per Member.																				
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.											
100	0	0	1	12	9	12	...	...	112	0	0	155	0	0	155	0	0	36			
107	0	0	1	11	0	...	...	...	107	0	0	167	2	5	...	167	2	5	37		
257	6	0	0	12	8	...	...	...	257	6	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	38
210	0	0	0	14	7	...	...	...	210	0	0	200	0	0	25	0	0	225	0	0	39
165	0	0	1	15	0	14	179	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	40
80	0	0	2	11	7	14	94	0	0	155	0	0	...	155	0	0	212	0	0	41
200	0	0	1	3	10	...	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	12	0	0	200	0	0	42
140	0	0	1	2	7	14	154	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	43
117	9	1	1	0	8	10	127	9	1	181	3	7	...	181	3	7	176	19	11	44
115	8	10	1	3	4	115	8	10	136	19	11	...	136	19	11	136	19	11	45
80	0	0	1	2	10	g64.8.0	...	...	144	8	0	144	8	0	30	0	0	174	8	0	46
120	0	0	1	0	10	12	132	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	47
215	0	0	0	19	6	...	...	...	215	0	0	200	0	0	41	0	0	241	0	0	48
213	4	3	1	7	0	...	...	...	213	4	3	200	0	0	9	16	8	209	16	8	49
2120	8	2	1	1	0	140.8.0	...	...	2260	16	2	2539	13	11	267	16	8	2807	10	7	
170	0	0	1	15	5	170	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	50
120	0	0	1	5	10	120	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	51
205	0	0	1	2	7	...	...	...	205	0	0	200	0	0	75	0	0	275	0	0	52
155	0	0	1	0	6	155	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	53
150	0	0	2	4	1	h 50	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	30	0	0	230	0	0	54
155	0	0†	0	17	11	...	...	...	155	0	0	200	0	0	45	0	0	245	0	0	55
150	0	0	0	15	3	150	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	56
26	11	0	0	8	0	...	200	226	11	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	57	
125	0	0	1	0	4	*16	141	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	58
175	0	0	1	7	2	175	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	59
200	0	0	1	3	6	200	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	60
132	10	0	1	5	0	12	144	10	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	61
180	0	0	2	2	10	180	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	62
210	0	0	0	18	6	...	...	...	210	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	63
200	0	0	1	9	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	64
80	0	0	1	1	7	80	0	0	143	0	0	...	143	0	0	200	0	0	65
160	0	0	0	15	6	14	174	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	66
80	0	0	0	18	7	12	92	0	0	141	12	0	...	141	12	0	200	0	0	67
200	0	0	1	14	2	200	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	68
2874	1	0	1	0	7	104	200	3178	1	0	3684	12	6	200	0	0	3884	12	6			
260	0	0	0	10	1	...	...	260	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0		69
76	10	0	0	12	0	...	200	276	10	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	600	0	0		70	
200	0	0	1	4	10	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	5	0	0	205	0	0		71
200	0	0	0	15	6	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0		72
206	10	0	0	9	11	...	...	206	10	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0		73
200	0	0	0	17	4	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	136	0	0	336	0	0		74
419	0	0	1	2	3	...	...	419	0	0	200	0	0	500	0	0	700	0	0		75
14	15	1	0	7	3	...	200	214	15	1	200	0	0	400	0	0	600	0	0		76	
95	0	0	1	7	6	20	...	115	0	0	165	0	0	...	165	0	0				77	
216	5	0	3	2	9	...	...	216	5	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0				78
1888	0	1	...			20	400	2308	0	1	1965	0	0	2341	0	0	4306	0	0			

(g) Home Mission Grant.

(h) Paid by Congregation.

(*) Inclusive of £4 from Hewson Charity.

(†) Besides £45, retiring allowance to Senior Minister.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.	
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.			
	LIVERPOOL PRESBYTERY—continued.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward—	3149	453	...	919 3 7	968 16 6	
79	Chester, Sutton ...	76	54	71	34 11 1	85 8 11	
80	Isle of Man, Douglas ...	167	52	31	28 5 6	171 14 6	
81	" Ramsey ...	68	17	25	26 18 0	93 2 0	
82	Liverpool, Canning Street ...	*556	160	29	263 18 8	...	
83	" Everton Valley ...	586	90	15	43 3 3	199 0 0	
84	" Fairfield ...	345	50	14	133 0 0	137 0 0	
85	" Islington ...	551	149	27	115 17 6	135 12 6	
86	" Mount Pleasant ...	337	33	10	73 5 6	...	
87	" Princes Road ...	385	174	45	76 0 0	124 0 0	
88	" Queen's Road ...	304	66	22	41 17 0	163 3 0	
89	" St. George's ...	493	79	16	113 0 0	112 0 0	
90	" St. Peter's ...	376	120	32	62 14 3	137 5 9	
91	" Sefton Park ...	634	143	23	564 0 0	5 10 4	
92	" Shaw Street ...	180	90	50	46 0 0	154 0 0	
93	" Trinity, Princes Park ...	189	66	35	170 0 0	70 1 11	
94	" Union, Fountain Rd ...	549	395	72	200 0 0	...	
95	" Vauxhall Road ...	108	70	65	37 1 4	81 13 8	
96	" Waterloo ...	170	40	24	68 15 8	166 4 4	
97	St. Helen's ...	140	69	49	58 8 0	146 12 0	
98	Southport ...	157	123	78	109 5 6	100 14 6	
		9520	2493	28	3185 4 10	3056 19 11	
	London Presbytery.						
99	Aldershot ...	133	d ...	...	139 17 4	10 2 8	
100	Aston Tirrold ...	55	38	69	46 10 0	63 10 0	
101	Bournemouth ...	154	69	45	141 13 3	88 6 9	
102	Brighton, Queen's Road ...	204	100	49	79 0 0	171 0 0	
103	" Trinity ...	120	a ...	...	150 0 0	70 0 0	
104	Canterbury ...	64	27	42	11 8 9	...	
105	Chatham ...	190	75	39	17 9 2	165 0 10	
106	Croydon ...	203	54	26	202 16 10	...	
107	Darenth ...	20	k ...	...	...	135 0 0	
108	Eastbourne ...	216	k ...	...	...	220 0 0	
109	Edenbridge ...	27	d ...	...	205 0 0	...	
110	Gravesend ...	89	40	45	53 0 0	147 0 0	
111	Guernsey ...	39	21	54	65 0 0	45 0 1	
112	Holybourne ...	34	12	35	104 11 2	...	
113	Ipswich ...	190	87	46	68 12 6	136 7 6	
114	Jersey ...	280	89	32	50 3 0	169 17 0	
115	Lewes ...	69	36	52	26 3 11	128 13 1	
116	London, Belgrave ...	264	j ...	...	145 14 0	64 6 0	
117	" Bermondsey ...	93	e ...	...	6 10 0	35 15 0	
118	" Bow Road ...	64	16	25	12 17 6	27 2 6	
119	" Brockley ...	275	143	52	192 16 3	12 3 9	
120	" Camberwell ...	410	81	20	96 0 0	124 0 0	
121	" Camden Road ...	343	215	63	217 0 0	13 0 0	
122	" Canonbury ...	160	80	50	44 0 0	111 0 0	
123	" Clapham Road ...	†1012	462	46	400 0 0	200 0 0	
124	" Clapton ...	112	33	30	51 0 0	154 0 0	
125	" Crouch Hill ...	301	j ...	...	60 0 0	...	
	Carried forward ...	5121	1678	...	2587 3 8	2291 8 2	

(d) Weekly offering system.

(a) Collections.

(j) Envelope system.

(k) No special organisation.

(e) 49 belonging to Congregational Mission.

(†) 117 belonging to Congregational Mission.

(c) No return.

STATEMENT, 1885—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1888 0 1	...	20	400	2308 0 1	1965 0 0	2341 0 0	4306 0 0		
120 0 0	1 11 7	...	...	120 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0		79
200 0 0	1 4 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	40 0 0	240 0 0		80
120 0 0	1 15 4	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		81
263 18 8	0 9 6	...	...	263 18 8	200 0 0	511 0 0	711 0 0		82
242 3 3	0 8 3	...	...	242 3 3	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0		83
270 0 0	0 15 8	...	...	270 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		84
251 10 0	0 9 2	...	...	251 10 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0		85
73 5 6	0 16 3	...	200	273 5 6	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		86
200 0 0	0 10 8	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		87
210 0 0	0 13 10	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	157 7 3	357 7 3		88
225 0 0	0 9 2	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		89
200 0 0	0 10 4	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0		90
569 10 4	0 18 0	...	...	569 10 4	200 0 0	700 0 0	900 0 0		91
200 0 0	1 2 3	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	20 0 0	220 0 0		92
240 1 11	1 5 5	...	...	240 1 11	200 0 0	205 0 0	405 0 0		93
200 0 0	0 7 2	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		94
118 15 0	1 2 0	...	...	118 15 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		95
235 0 0	1 7 8	...	...	235 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		96
205 0 0	1 9 3	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	35 0 0	235 0 0		97
210 0 0	1 6 5	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		98
6242 4 9	0 14 4	20	600	6862 4 9	5915 0 0	6709 7 3	12624 7 3		99
150 0 0	1 2 7	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		100
110 0 0	2 0 0	...	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		101
230 0 0	1 9 10	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		102
250 0 0	1 4 6	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		103
220 0 0	1 16 8	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		104
11 8 9	0 3 7	188.11.3	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	\$115 15 10	\$315 15 10		105
182 10 0	0 19 3	...	...	182 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		106
202 16 10	0 19 11	...	...	202 16 10	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		107
135 0 0	6 15 0	...	...	135 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		108
220 0 0	1 0 4	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	500 0 0	700 0 0		109
205 0 0	7 11 10	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		110
200 0 0	2 4 11	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	67 0 0	267 0 0		111
110 0 1	2 16 5	...	...	110 0 1	185 0 0	...	185 0 0		112
104 11 2	3 1 6	...	...	104 11 2	117 1 2	...	117 1 2		113
205 0 0	1 1 7	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	60 0 0	260 0 0		114
220 0 0	0 15 9	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		115
155 0 0	2 4 11	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		116
210 0 0	0 15 11	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0		117
42 5 0	0 9 1	...	...	42 5 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		118
40 0 0	0 12 6	61.14.10	...	101 14 10	128 8 2	...	128 8 2		119
205 0 0	0 14 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		120
220 0 0	0 10 9	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		121
230 0 0	0 13 5	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		122
155 0 0	0 19 5	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	45 0 0	200 0 0		123
600 0 0	0 11 10	...	...	600 0 0	200 0 0	800 0 0	1000 0 0		124
205 0 0	1 16 7	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	120 0 0	320 0 0		125
60 0 0	0 17 3	...	200	260 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0		
4878 11 10	...	250 6 1	200	5328 17 11	4943 0 8	4857 15 10	9800 16 6		

(a) Paid by Congregation.

(f) For portion of year.

‡ Including £55 allowance to retired Minister.

§ Including arrears in 1884.

|| Including £290 to Assistant Minister.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.	
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.			
	LONDON PRESBYTERY— <i>continued.</i>				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward—	5121	1678	...	2587 3 8	2291 8 2	
126	London, Ealing... ..	91	20	22	124 1 0	85 19 0	
127	" East India Road ...	131	60	46	29 5 5	150 14 7	
128	" Forest Hill	230	118	51	228 17 3	...	
129	" Greenwich	257	...	...	150 0 0	66 6 3	
130	" Hammersmith	203	50	25	26 9 1	173 10 11	
131	" Hampstead	221	47	21	235 12 4	114 7 8	
132	" Ilhbury	*574	113	20	127 2 0	...	
133	" Islington	530	133	25	147 0 0	146 17 11	
134	" Kensington	222	104	47	286 0 6	...	
135	" Kentish Town	248	38	15	38 0 0	...	
136	" Kingston-on-Thames...	103	36	35	49 11 0	150 9 0	
137	" Marylebone	835	211	25	590 8 0	...	
138	" Millwall	98	85	87	13 19 8	71 11 0	
139	" New Barnet	80	...	...	...	210 0 0	
140	" Notting Hill	307	135	43	232 0 0	28 0 0	
141	" Oxendon	198	105	53	71 0 3	128 19 9	
142	" Putney	60	...	...	...	7 10 0	
143	" Regent Square	805	205	25	782 18 6	...	
144	" Richmond	104	...	...	104 0 0	96 0 0	
145	" St. John's Wood	899	168	19	543 2 9	...	
146	" Silvertown	120	102	85	55 15 8	84 4 4	
147	" Somers Town	865	46	5	43 4 6	156 15 6	
148	" South Kensington ...	250	55	22	200 0 0	...	
149	" Southwark	115	89	77	34 10 6	95 9 6	
150	" Stepney	189	62	33	55 7 0	149 13 0	
151	" Stoke Newington ...	132	8	6	1 14 0	198 6 0	
152	" Stratford	253	80	28	25 18 7	174 1 5	
153	" Streatham	165	39	24	130 1 7	79 18 5	
154	" Tooting	42	20	48	11 18 6	88 1 6	
155	" Tottenham	162	113	70	158 0 0	67 0 0	
156	" Upper Norwood	216	61	28	254 11 2	...	
157	" Victoria Docks	157	62	39	165 16 10	34 3 2	
158	" Wandsworth	201	60	30	110 11 0	114 9 0	
159	" Westbourne Grove ...	226	...	...	39 0 0	...	
160	" Whitfield	97	...	...	...	200 0 0	
161	" Willesden	238	55	23	164 0 0	66 0 0	
162	" Wood Green	231	113	49	116 4 11	88 15 1	
163	" Woolwich, New Road ...	222	79	36	74 5 0	140 15 0	
164	" " St. Andrew's ...	234	96	41	76 17 9	143 2 3	
165	Norwich	210	101	48	72 17 9	132 2 3	
166	Portsmouth	113	...	...	...	150 0 0	
167	St. Leonards-on-Sea, Silverhill	76	39	51	78 0 0	67 0 0	
168	" " Warrior Sq. ...	140	40	29	53 2 6	...	
169	Southampton, St. Andrew's ...	252	53	23	52 0 0	153 0 0	
170	" " Totton... ..	47	40	85	22 19 0	87 1 0	
171	" " Woolston	110	...	...	35 0 0	165 0 0	
172	Wallington	108	34	31	27 0 0	173 0 0	
		16518	4758	33	8425 7 8	6534 11 8	

(j) Envelope system.

(k) No special organisation.

(e) No return.

(*) 153 belonging to Congregational Mission.

STATEMENT, 1885—*continued.*

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies)	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
4878 11 10	...	250 6 1	200	5328 17 11	4943 0 8	4857 15 10	9800 16 6	
210 0 0	2 6 2	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	126
180 0 0	1 7 6	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	127
228 17 3	0 19 11	...	...	228 17 3	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	128
216 6 3	0 16 10	...	...	216 6 3	200 0 0	305 0 0	505 0 0	129
200 0 0	0 19 8	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	130
350 0 0	1 11 8	...	...	350 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	131
127 2 0	0 11 5	...	200	327 2 0	200 0 0	762 10 0	962 10 0	132
293 17 11	0 11 1	...	...	293 17 11	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	133
286 0 6	1 5 9	...	...	286 0 6	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	134
38 0 9	0 3 1	162 0 0	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	135
200 0 0	1 18 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	11 5 0	211 5 0	136
590 8 0	0 14 2	...	...	590 8 0	200 0 0	850 0 0	1050 0 0	137
85 10 8	0 17 5	...	...	85 10 8	170 0 0	...	170 0 0	138
210 0 0	2 12 6	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	107 0 0	307 0 0	139
200 0 0	0 16 11	...	...	260 0 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	140
200 0 0	1 0 2	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	141
7 10 0	3 9 2	...	200	207 10 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	142
782 18 6	0 19 5	...	...	782 18 6	200 0 0	1000 0 0	2500 0 0	143
200 0 0	1 18 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	144
543 2 9	0 12 1	...	200	743 2 9	200 0 0	1000 0 0	2000 0 0	145
140 0 0	1 3 4	660 0 0	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	146
200 0 0	0 4 7	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	147
200 0 0	0 16 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	148
120 0 0	1 2 7	...	...	130 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	149
205 0 0	1 1 8	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	150
200 0 0	1 10 4	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	151
200 0 0	0 14 2	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	152
210 0 0	1 5 5	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	153
100 0 0	2 7 7	...	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	10 0 0	110 0 0	154
225 0 0	1 7 9	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	120 0 0	320 0 0	155
254 11 2	1 3 7	...	...	254 11 2	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	156
200 0 0	1 5 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	157
225 0 0	1 2 5	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	158
39 0 0	1 1 2	...	200	239 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	159
200 0 0	2 1 3	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	160
230 0 0	0 19 4	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	161
205 0 0	0 17 9	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	162
215 0 0	0 19 4	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	230 0 0	430 0 0	163
220 0 0	0 18 10	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	164
205 0 0	0 19 6	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	165
150 0 0	1 6 7	...	...	150 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0	166
145 0 0	1 18 2	...	...	145 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	167
53 2 6	0 7 7	146 17 6	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	168
210 0 0	0 16 8	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	38 0 0	238 0 0	169
110 0 0	2 6 10	...	...	110 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	170
200 0 0	1 16 4	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	171
200 0 0	1 17 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	172
14959 19 4	0 19 4	619 3 7	1000	16579 2 11	14118 0 8	14791 10 10	28909 11 6	

(f) For portion of year.

(g) Home Mission Grant.

(h) Paid by Congregation.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
Manchester Presbytery.						
173	Blackburn, Mount Street ...	58	30	52	£ s. d. 14 2 5	£ s. d. 105 17 7
174	Bolton	290	126	43	43 0 0	167 0 0
175	Bradford	248	76	31	119 0 0	91 0 0
176	Crewe	122	45	37	46 9 11	73 10 1
177	Leeds, Cavendish Road ...	241	92	38	96 15 6	103 5 3
178	„ St. Columba	122	30	24	32 10 3	102 9 9
179	Manchester, Ancoats	255	90	35	160 14 10	39 5 2
180	„ Bowdon	118	k ...	...	...	19 2 0
181	„ Brunswick Street ...	313	66	21	28 3 4	200 0 0
182	„ Grosvenor Square ...	399	36	9	81 4 0	200 0 0
183	„ Longsight	175	89	51	79 10 5	130 9 7
184	„ Pendleton	202	k ...	...	...	200 0 0
185	„ St. Andrew's	256	56	22	50 0 0	160 0 0
186	„ Sale	175	40	23	150 0 0	70 0 0
187	„ Salford	218	b 90	41	53 18 6	146 1 6
188	„ Trinity	259	86	33	50 13 0	174 7 0
189	„ Whalley Range	338	a ...	...	26 7 6	...
190	„ Withington	265	48	18	75 15 10	...
191	Ramsbottom	117	a ...	...	33 0 0	117 0 0
192	Rochdale	126	k ...	...	...	200 0 0
193	Sheffield	215	56	26	49 0 0	151 0 0
194	Warrington	77	31	40	40 11 0	69 9 0
195	Wharton	80	62	76	13 0 6	101 19 6
196	Wigan	174	80	46	58 13 1	46 6 11
		4843	1229	31	1302 10 1	2668 3 4
Newcastle Presbytery.						
197	Bellingham	145	110	76	28 0 5	129 9 7
198	Blackhill	184	66	36	16 0 0	...
199	Blyth, Bridge Street	90	40	44	7 2 9	122 17 3
200	„ Waterloo Road	228	k ...	...	...	6 6 0
201	Durham... ..	159	74	47	41 17 8	158 2 4
202	Falstone	160	188	118	32 17 3	117 2 9
203	Gateshead, Ellison Street ...	295	30	10	22 19 7	152 10 1
204	Hebburn	251	90	36	36 0 0	135 0 0
205	Hexham	209	k ...	...	...	216 0 0
206	Houghton-le-Spring	130	61	47	27 8 6	110 1 6
207	Jarrow, Ellison Street ...	510	a ...	...	4 13 10	...
208	„ St. Kilda's	90	33	37	16 19 2	33 0 10
209	Killingworth	53	45	85	4 1 1	20 2 11
210	Newcastle, Barras Bridge ...	513	124	24	54 5 5	...
211	„ Blackett Street	593	75	13	60 0 0	...
212	„ Heaton	108	60	56	16 19 3	123 0 9
213	„ John Knox	522	68	13	40 15 6	200 0 0
214	„ St. George's	312	e ...	...	4 9 0	...
215	„ Trinity	897	125	14	79 1 6	199 19 6
Carried forward		5449	1189	...	493 10 11	1723 13 6

(a) Collections.

(b) Besides 80 Sabbath School contributors.

(*) 72 belonging to Congregational Mission.

(k) No special organisation.

(e) No return.

STATEMENT, 1885—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.				From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.	
Total Amount.		Rate per Member.									
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
120	0	0	2	1	5	...	...	120	0	0	173
210	0	0	0	14	6	...	...	210	0	0	174
210	0	0	0	16	11	...	...	210	0	0	175
120	0	0	0	19	8	...	...	120	0	0	176
200	0	9	0	16	7	...	...	200	0	9	177
135	0	0	1	2	2	...	...	135	0	0	178
200	0	0	0	15	8	...	...	200	0	0	179
19	2	0	1	17	2	...	200	219	2	0	180
228	3	4	0	14	7	...	...	228	3	4	181
281	4	0	0	14	1	...	...	281	4	0	182
210	0	0	1	4	0	...	...	210	0	0	183
200	0	0	0	19	10	...	...	200	0	0	184
210	0	0	0	16	5	...	...	210	0	0	185
220	0	0	1	5	2	...	...	220	0	0	186
200	0	0	0	18	4	...	...	200	0	0	187
225	0	0	0	17	4	...	...	225	0	0	188
26	7	6	0	13	5	...	200	226	7	6	189
75	15	10	1	0	10	...	200	275	15	10	190
150	0	0	1	5	8	...	...	150	0	0	191
200	0	0	1	11	9	...	...	200	0	0	192
200	0	0	0	18	7	...	...	200	0	0	193
110	0	0	1	8	7	...	...	110	0	0	194
115	0	0	1	8	9	12	...	127	0	0	195
105	0	0	0	12	1	14	...	119	0	0	196
3970	13	5	0	18	11	26	600	4596	13	5	
157	10	0	1	1	9	...	...	157	10	0	197
16	0	0	1	3	6	...	200	216	0	0	198
130	0	0	1	8	11	12	...	142	0	0	199
6	6	0	0	18	11	...	200	206	6	0	200
200	0	0	1	5	2	...	...	200	0	0	201
150	0	0	0	18	9	...	...	150	0	0	202
175	9	8	0	11	11	...	...	175	9	8	203
171	0	0	0	13	8	...	...	171	0	0	204
216	0	0	1	0	8	...	...	216	0	0	205
137	10	0	1	1	2	...	...	137	10	0	206
4	13	10	0	8	0	...	200	204	13	10	207
50	0	0	0	11	1	...	...	50	0	0	208
24	4	0	0	9	2	...	...	24	4	0	209
54	5	5	0	9	11	...	200	254	5	5	210
60	0	0	0	8	9	...	200	260	0	0	211
140	0	0	1	5	11	12	...	152	0	0	212
240	15	6	0	9	2	...	...	240	15	6	213
4	9	0	0	13	1	...	200	204	9	0	214
279	1	0	0	6	3	...	...	279	1	0	215
2217	4	5	...	...	...	24	1200	3441	4	5	
								3503	12	10	
								1910	0	0	
								5413	12	10	

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
	NEWCASTLE PRESBYTERY—cont.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward—	5449	1189	...	493 10 11	1723 13 6
216	Newcastle, Westmoreland Rd.	543	83	15	43 0 0	...
217	North Shields, Howard Street	367	130	35	40 9 9	169 10 3
218	„ Northumberland Square ...	330	45	14	45 17 6	...
219	Ferham	91	38	42	13 9 8	...
220	Seaton Burn	98	7	7	2 17 3	77 2 9
221	Seaton Delaval	117	36	31	31 3 0	93 16 10
222	South Shields, Laygate	377	140	37	11 16 0	...
223	„ St. Paul's	292	42	14	5 0 0	...
224	Stamfordham	72	72	100	42 11 11	51 8 1
225	Sunderland, North Bridge Street	152	41	27	50 4 0	154 16 0
226	„ St. George's	566	157	28	57 0 0	193 0 0
227	„ St. Stephen's	133	54	41	27 8 4	122 11 8
228	„ Smyrna	226	k ...	...	...	200 9 0
229	„ Trinity	345	84	24	15 0 0	...
230	Swalwell	117	24	21	25 12 0	84 8 0
231	Walker	187	47	25	6 11 4	193 8 8
232	Wark	89	89	100	2 15 2	87 15 0
233	Willington Quay	141	60	43	15 7 8	184 12 4
		9692	2338	30	929 14 6	3336 3 1
	Northumberland Presbytery.					
234	Alnwick, Lisburn Street	132	34	26	12 19 10	140 0 0
235	„ St. James's	373	75	20	22 8 2	182 11 10
236	Bavington	102	53	52	25 0 0	83 0 0
237	Bedlington	114	82	72	41 1 10	63 18 2
238	Birdhopecraig	113	113	100	42 0 0	78 0 0
239	Branton	225	28	12	8 8 0	151 12 0
240	Embleton	203	n ...	...	13 7 0	116 13 0
241	Felton	134	53	40	7 16 8	102 3 4
242	Glanton	234	n ...	...	23 0 0	143 0 0
243	Harbottle	206	100	49	11 0 0	114 0 0
244	Longframington	56	30	54	23 12 0	37 8 0
245	Morpeth	292	80	27	22 0 0	193 0 0
246	Newbiggin	133	80	60	11 5 7	39 15 9
247	North Middleton	90	52	58	19 6 3	80 13 9
248	North Sunderland	233	n ...	...	7 1 8	142 18 4
249	Otterburn	119	67	56	30 16 6	109 3 6
250	Thropton	146	39	27	19 5 9	86 14 3
251	Warenford	188	56	30	14 1 1	100 19 1
252	Warkworth	208	40	19	17 9 1	107 10 11
253	Widdrington	155	25	16	26 0 0	84 0 0
254	Wooler, Cheviot Street	324	k ...	...	2 2 0	197 18 0
255	„ Tower Hill	132	56	42	9 18 11	90 1 1
256	„ West Chapel	252	26	10	32 19 2	122 0 10
		4164	1089	34	442 19 6	2567 1 10

(k) No special organisation.

(h) Paid by congregation.

STATEMENT, 1885—*continued.*

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2217 4 5	...	24	1200	3441 4 5	3503 12 10	1910 0 0	5413 12 10	
43 0 0	0 8 11	...	200	243 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	216
210 0 0	0 11 5	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	190 0 0	390 0 0	217
45 17 6	0 14 11	...	200	245 17 6	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	218
13 9 8	0 3 0	186.10.4	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	219
80 0 0	0 16 4	14	...	94 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	220
124 19 10	1 1 4	12	...	136 19 10	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	221
11 16 0	0 11 3	...	200	211 16 0	200 0 0	185 0 0	385 0 0	222
5 0 0	0 14 0	...	200	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	223
94 0 0	1 6 1	10	...	104 0 0	176 0 0	...	176 0 0	224
205 0 0	1 6 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	225
250 0 0	0 8 10	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	226
150 0 0	1 2 7	14	...	164 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	227
200 0 0	0 17 8	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	228
15 0 0	0 12 6	...	200	215 0 0	200 0 0	225 0 0	425 0 0	229
110 0 0	0 18 10	14	...	124 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	230
200 0 0	1 1 5	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	231
90 10 2	1 0 4	...	...	90 10 2	141 5 8	...	141 5 8	232
200 0 0	1 8 4	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	233
4265 17 7	0 13 4	274.10.4	2200	6740 7 11	6975 18 6	3310 0 0	10285 18 6	
152 19 10	1 3 2	...	...	152 19 10	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	234
205 0 0	0 11 0	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	235
108 0 0	1 1 2	13	...	121 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	236
105 0 0	0 18 5	12	...	117 0 0	162 4 11	...	162 4 11	237
120 0 0	1 1 3	12	...	132 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	238
160 0 0	0 14 3	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	239
130 0 0	0 12 10	10	...	140 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	240
110 0 0	0 16 5	12	...	122 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	241
166 0 0	0 14 2	...	...	166 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	242
125 0 0	0 12 6	12	...	137 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	243
61 6 0	1 1 10	15	...	76 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	244
215 0 0	0 14 9	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	75 0 0	275 0 0	245
51 1 4	0 7 8	...	...	f 51 1 4	f 83 19 8	...	f 83 19 8	246
100 0 0	1 2 3	10	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	247
150 0 0	0 12 11	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	248
140 0 0	1 3 6	...	...	140 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	249
106 0 0	0 14 6	14	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	250
115 0 2	0 12 3	...	...	115 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	251
125 0 0	0 12 0	...	...	125 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	252
110 0 0	0 14 2	14	...	124 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	253
200 0 0	0 12 4	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	25 0 0	225 0 0	254
100 0 0	0 15 2	...	...	100 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0	255
155 0 0	0 12 4	...	...	155 0 0	180 12 6	...	180 12 6	256
3010 1 4	0 19 0	124	...	3134 1 2	4331 17 1	100 0 0	4431 17 1	

(n) Quarterly collections.

(f) For portion of year.

(t) Besides allowance to retiring Minister.

TABLE SHOWING SUM-

No.	PRESBYTERIES.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
1	Berwick	3374	841	31	£ s. d. 234 17 8	£ s. d. 1285 16 4
2	Birmingham	1447	498	39	530 4 4	1403 4 0
3	Bristol	1397	702	58	568 3 2	996 6 10
4	Carlisle	2017	596	45	421 11 8	1698 16 6
5	Darlington	2990	1276	53	1010 10 10	1863 10 2
6	Liverpool	9520	2493	28	3185 4 10	3056 19 11
7	London	16518	4758	33	8425 7 8	6534 11 8
8	Manchester	4843	1229	31	1302 10 1	2668 3 4
9	Newcastle	9692	2338	30	929 14 6	3336 3 1
10	Northumberland	4164	1089	34	442 19 6	2567 1 10
		55962	15820	33	17051 4 3	25410 13 8

MARY OF RECEIPTS, &c.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Con- gregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1520 14 0	0 10 2	101 0 0	200	1821 14 0	2516 0 0	...	2516 0 0	1
1933 8 4	1 6 9	...	...	1933 8 4	2265 15 9	375 0 0	2640 15 9	2
1564 10 0	1 2 5	37 10 0	200	1802 0 0	1691 6 10	1152 10 0	2843 16 10	3
2120 8 2	1 1 0	140 8 0	...	2260 16 2	2539 13 11	267 16 8	2807 10 7	4
2874 1 0	1 0 7	104 0 0	200	3178 1 0	3684 12 6	200 0 0	3884 12 6	5
6242 4 9	0 14 4	20 0 0	600	6862 4 9	5915 0 0	6709 7 3	12624 7 3	6
14959 19 4	0 19 4	619 3 7	1000	16579 2 11	14118 0 8	14791 10 10	28909 11 6	7
3970 13 5	0 18 11	26 0 0	600	4596 13 5	4800 0 0	2852 10 0	7652 10 0	8
4265 17 7	0 13 4	274 10 4	2200	6740 7 11	6975 18 6	3310 0 0	10285 18 6	9
3010 1 4	0 19 0	124 0 0	...	3134 1 4	4331 17 1	100 0 0	4431 17 1	10
42461 17 11	0 17 0	1446 11 11	5000	48908 9 10	48838 5 3	29758 14 9	78597 0 0	

APPENDIX B.

CLASSIFICATION OF CONGREGATIONS WITH THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

PRESBYTERIES.	AID-RECEIVING.				AID-GIVING.				NEITHER AID-GIVING NOR AID-RECEIVING.				UNCON- NECTED.		TOTAL.	
	Equal Dividend.		Less than Equal Dividend.		Participating.		Non-Participating.		Receiving Equal Dividend.		Receiving less than Equal Dividend Church Extension Charges.		Church Extension.	Old Charges.	Congregations.	Amount.
	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.				
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick ...	8	973 0 0	3	285 0 0	...	...	1	62 14 0	1	200 0 0	...	...	...	2	15	1,520 14 0
Birmingham ...	7	834 13 4	1	80 0 0	3	618 15 0	...	...	2	400 0 0	...	...	1	1	15	1,933 8 4
Bristol ...	1	125 0 0	...	...	5	1,162 10 0	1	14 10 0	1	200 0 0	1	62 10 0	...	...	9	1,564 10 0
Carlisle ...	4	532 0 0	4	412 17 11	4	895 10 3	...	...	1	200 0 0	1	80 0 0	...	...	14	2,120 8 2
Darlington ...	10	1,522 10 0	2	160 0 0	2	415 0 0	1	23 11 0	3	600 0 0	1	150 0 0	1	...	20	2,874 1 0
Liverpool...	3	358 15 0	1	95 0 0	15	4,023 19 2	3	161 10 7	8	1,600 0 0	...	...	2	1	33	6,242 4 9
London ...	8	1,094 15 0	5	450 1 11	37	9,390 16 5	5	776 14 9	13	2,600 0 0	6	647 11 3	3	3	80	14,959 19 4
Manchester ...	7	855 0 0	...	...	9	1,994 8 1	3	121 5 4	5	1,900 0 0	...	...	3	3	30	3,970 13 5
Newcastle...	9	1,270 19 10	5	338 14 2	6	1,400 16 6	11	266 7 9	5	975 9 8	1	13 9 8	1	6	44	4,265 17 7
Northumberland...	16	2,073 0 0	4	317 1 4	2	420 0 0	...	...	1	200 0 0	...	...	...	1	24	3,010 1 4
1885 ...	73	9,639 13 2	25	2,138 15 4	83	20,321 15 5	25	1,432 13 5	40	7,975 9 8	10	953 10 11	11	17	284	42,461 17 11
1884 ...	77	10,053 7 4	21	2,145 11 10	82	20,433 14 6	28	1,494 6 5	34	6,502 0 0	7	499 15 1	13	21	283	41,128 15 2
1878 ...	88	11,339 8 4	15	1,311 7 10	73	18,216 4 2	28	1,131 6 7	17	3,400 0 0	6	500 17 11	22	20	269	35,899 4 10

APPENDIX C. AID-RECEIVING CONGREGATIONS—CHANGES BETWEEN 1878 AND 1885.

PRESBYTERIES.	DIMINISHED CLAIMS.										INCREASED CLAIMS.		
	Congregations still aid-receiving.		Congregations become self-sustaining.		Congregations now on Home Mission.		Congregations that have ceased to maintain a separate existence.		Stationary.		Congregations still aid-receiving.		New Claims.
											£	s. d.	
Berwick ...	6	60 2 0	...	...	...	...	1	95 0 0	1	4	43 15 1	...	...
Birmingham ...	2	12 4 2	...	...	1	57 10 0	...	...	...	1	30 0 0	4	182 0 11
Bristol ...	1	22 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carlisle ...	5	94 0 2	1	95 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	3	21 0 6	...	...
Darlington ...	5	131 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4 0 0	6	219 12 6
Liverpool ...	2	50 19 9	1	20 19 7	...	...	...	...	...	1	24 13 4	1	50 0 0
London ...	7	173 7 5	2	41 19 5	3	195 15 10	1	95 0 0	1	3	42 3 4	2	31 13 0
Manchester ...	1	8 0 0	...	...	1	67 4 10	1	111 5 0	1	4	161 15 11	1	50 0 0
Newcastle ...	6	177 13 6	4	162 10 0	...	..	2	77 10 0	2	5	64 18 8	1	48 0 0
Northumberland	14	202 6 11	2	35 0 0	...	...	1	60 0 0	1	5	39 1 9	...	...
Total ...	49	931 13 11	10	355 9 0	5	320 10 8	6	438 15 0	6	27	431 8 7	15	581 6 5

APPENDIX D.
RELATION OF PRESBYTERIES TO AID NEEDED AND FURNISHED.

PRESBYTERIES.	Aid needed.		Aid supplied.		Net Amount to which Aid-receiving.		Net Amount to which Aid-giving.	
	1884.		1885.		1884.		1885.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick ...	716 6 7	757 0 0	79 0 0	62 14 0	637 6 7	694 6 0	...	...
Birmingham ...	483 16 5	351 2 5	35 0 0	18 15 0	448 16 5	332 7 5	...	...
Bristol ...	75 0 0	66 6 10	179 2 0	177 0 0	...	...	104 2 0	110 13 2
Carlisle ...	394 4 8	374 8 0	81 15 9	95 10 3	312 8 11	278 17 9	...	...
Darlington ...	510 0 10	548 2 6	33 17 2	41 11 0	471 3 8	506 11 6	...	...
Liverpool ...	224 10 0	241 5 0	1,188 18 8	1,188 9 9	...	...	964 8 8	947 4 9
London ...	662 8 11	610 5 7	3,067 16 4	3,071 7 10	...	...	2,405 7 5	2,461 2 3
Manchester ...	486 10 0	519 0 0	382 10 11	315 13 5	103 19 1	203 6 7	...	...
Newcastle ...	683 12 8	724 7 10	513 17 10	488 17 3	169 14 10	235 10 7	...	...
Northumberland	1,227 15 11	1,217 15 9	20 0 0	20 0 0	1,207 15 11	1,197 15 9	...	...
Total ...	5,404 6 0	5,409 13 11	5,586 18 8	5,479 18 6	3,351 5 5	3,448 15 7	3,473 18 1	3,519 0 2

III.

HOME MISSION REPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

I.—DISTRICT BOARDS.

LAST Synod having grouped the Presbyteries of the Church in three districts, and ordered the organisation in each of a Local District Board for the initiation and superintendence of Home Mission work within its bounds, measures were taken immediately after the rising of the Synod for the carrying out of this arrangement, so that it was possible to report to the June meeting of the Committee that in each of the districts a Board had been established, and was ready for action, the office-bearers being :—

I. NORTH-EASTERN BOARD.

Chairman	...	...	Rev. John Thompson, M.A.
Vice-Chairman	...	...	Mr. William Sutton.
Secretary	...	...	Mr. Robert Amos.
Treasurer	...	...	Mr. George Hannay.

II. NORTH-WESTERN AND MIDLAND BOARD.

Chairman	...	...	Mr. Samuel Stitt.
Vice-Chairman	...	...	Mr. John A. Beith.
Secretary	...	...	Rev. James Muir.
Treasurer	...	...	Mr. Thomas Holder.

III. SOUTHERN BOARD.

Chairman	...	...	Mr. G. B. Bruce.
Vice-Chairman	...	...	Mr. R. T. Turnbull.
Secretary	...	...	Mr. Thomas Bell.
Treasurer	...	...	Mr. James Goodman.

Since June last, therefore, the administrative work connected with this department of the Church's work has been conducted by the District Boards, under the general superintendence of the General Committee, to which they have reported quarter by quarter, and more fully at the close of the Synodical year. The following is the substance of the reports furnished.

I.—GENERAL WORK OF THE BOARDS.

1. *The North-Eastern Board* report as follows :—

The position of some of the Congregations within the district assigned to the Board is such as to occasion grave anxiety, and must necessarily for a time hamper any efforts in the direction of Church extension. The trade depression that affects injuriously all Church income has increased the difficulties of the Board. Any movement in connection with the Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund has been chiefly in the Presbytery of Newcastle, which reported to the Board as follows :—

‘Up to the present only twenty of the Congregations have subscribed in any way. In some of these a promise or donation has been received from the Ministers, the people having as yet done nothing. Twenty-three Congregations have given no substantial response to repeated applications, and some of these have given no response at all. The money promised at the end of 1885 amounted to £350. Of this sum more than £100 have been received and remitted by the treasurer to London.’

2. *The North-Western and Midland Board* report that they have held eight meetings between June and March, besides numerous meetings of the Executive. They continue :—

A good deal of the business has been the administration of the routine work assigned to the Board, and scarcely anything could be done in the way of breaking new ground. Arrangements were made at the outset for visiting, by deputation, all the Congregations and Mission Stations receiving aid. By following this plan in all new applications for aid, the Board will furnish itself with more accurate information of the character, claims, and circumstances of each case when brought before it.

As regards the Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund, the Board have frequently considered throughout the year the desirableness of raising subscriptions for this object, but the continued depression in trade made it unwise in the earlier part of the year to attempt to launch such a scheme till there was a clearer hope of carrying it out successfully. Now it has been determined to raise at once a sum of £1,500 in order to meet grants that were made prior to the existence of the Board, and such grants as the Board has itself made to *Preston* of £500, to *Silloth* of £200, and a conditional promise of £250 to *Oldham* for the building of a hall at a cost of £1,000.

3. *The Southern Board* report that at the meeting held for the election of Associates, in terms of the Reorganisation Rules adopted by last Synod—

It was found that the Presbytery of Bristol had designated the Rev. John More, of Cheltenham, to the Board, but as he was not a Presbytery Representative the designation was held to be incompetent under Rule 4, under the head of ‘Organisation of Committee and District Boards.’ This was intimated to the Presbytery, by which the interpretation of the Rule was disputed, and the Presbytery ultimately decided to refer the point to the Synod for decision. The Board has thus been deprived of the assistance of a Presbytery Representative from Bristol.

They further report that—

‘They have not thought it advisable to make any new departure during the year, but rather to give their attention, with a view to consolidation, to

the interests which naturally fell to their care under the new arrangement. The funds at their disposal scarcely admitted of more being done, and it was felt that circumstances did not warrant any special appeal being made to the Congregations in the District.

In regard to the Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund they report as follows :—

Two years ago, in obedience to the Synod, steps were taken in the Presbytery of London and subscriptions obtained for this Fund to the amount of about £5,000. Of this about £3,000 has still to be collected and will be available for new grants. It was therefore deemed inexpedient, in the present state of commercial depression, to make any movement for obtaining further subscriptions to this Fund.

II.—CONGREGATIONS UNDER THE CARE OF THE BOARDS.

1. *North-Eastern Board*.—The Board report a grant of £250 to *Killingworth*, for the erection of a new but inexpensive place of worship, suitable for the requirements, the Congregation having themselves raised about £400.

They also report the payment of the first moiety of a previous grant to the Congregation at *Harrogate*, adding :—

After many disappointments this Congregation is to be congratulated upon having obtained a neat and admirably situated church. The cost, moreover, has been very moderate, under £3,000. The Hall and Sabbath School are yet to be built, and will, it is estimated, cost about another £1,000.

They further report in regard to *Millfield, Sunderland* :—

£700, almost wholly the gift of one munificent donor, were spent in the erection of a handsome and commodious Hall. A promising congregation has been gathered together, and a minister appointed over it under circumstances of much promise.

From the report of the Presbytery of Newcastle they give the following interesting statement :—

At *Tynemouth* and *Benwell* work has been commenced, which is expected at no remote period to eventuate in the formation of Churches. In *Benwell* promises have been made to the amount of £260 for the erection of Mission premises. At *Jesmond* a movement has been commenced which involves an outlay of at least £6,000 within a brief period in ecclesiastical buildings. There is a prospect within the next five years of £8,000 being spent in the work of Church extension within the bounds of the Presbytery.

2. *North-Western and Midland Board*.—No new station has been formed during last year. Regarding those previously established they report as follows :—

The Congregation at *Peel Road, Liverpool*, is making steady progress. The Station at *West Kirby* in the Presbytery of Liverpool has been erected into a sanctioned charge. A Session and a Committee of Management have been appointed. Under the ministry of Rev. P. M. Kirkland, a located preacher, the Congregation has made decided progress. The winter audience now nearly fills the temporary Iron Church at ordinary services. The Membership is now about 60. The prayer meeting is well attended. Bible classes are formed. There are no seat rents. The daily collection

ranges from £4 to £5. The Congregation hitherto has met its own liabilities without any assistance from Church Funds. Steps are being taken to build a Hall, to form part of its completed ecclesiastical buildings in the future.

The Congregation at *Oldham* during the year has shown signs of renewed vigour under the ministrations of Rev. Mr. Macgregor, a preacher of the Free Church. It is expected that a Hall will be built in the course of the year.

Walton, Liverpool, is making most satisfactory progress under the ministry of the Rev. James McMurchy, B.D.

Silloth, in the Presbytery of Carlisle, progresses under the ministry of Rev. John Brown, M.A., and plans have been passed for the building of a Hall at a cost of about £700.

Walsall has received again a grant of £50.

They further report in regard to the Evangelistic department:—

In addition to the Mission Stations and Congregations at *Risley, Tunley, Great Salkeld*, and *Penruddock*, the Board has made a grant of £25 for one year to the Congregation at *Nottingham*, to enable it to commence Home Mission operations in Hyson Green, a district in Nottingham which within the last five years had a population of from 30,000 to 40,000, chiefly of the working classes. The Board feel that cases of this kind ought to be encouraged, care being taken that the work is under the superintendence of one of our Congregations, able and willing to render effective help.

After long and anxious consideration, a grant of £50 was given to the Congregation of *Salford, Manchester*, under the ministry of Rev. John Reid, to enable him to carry on work in the neighbourhood of this church, chiefly amongst the young. The grant is for this year only, and, in view of the existing rule, it is to be regarded as a purely exceptional grant.

With the view of aiding the Congregation of *St. Peter's, Liverpool*, under the ministry of Rev. James Barles, in carrying on their Mission operations in Hankin Street, and the densely populated neighbourhood around, the Board made a grant of £30 towards the salary of a lady Missionary.

3. Southern Board.

The Board report—

At *Brondesbury* and *Highgate*, mentioned in last Home Mission Report, steps are now being taken for the erection of Churches. At *Highgate* the building has been commenced, and it is hoped that the Church will be finished and services begun before the end of the year.

Wimbledon is still without a minister, having had several disappointments, but the people are in good heart. They are about to erect a Hall, part of the permanent ecclesiastical buildings, and when they can worship in it, and get a minister settled, greater progress may be looked for.

Cambridge.—There is nothing new to report. In the autumn of last year a deputation visited Edinburgh and Glasgow, and in each of these cities an influential Committee was formed, to obtain funds towards the erection of a Church, both at Cambridge and at Oxford.

Swindon, in the Presbytery of Bristol, has now secured a settled minister, and is making satisfactory progress. The only Church Building grant made during the year was to this Congregation, to assist in the erection of a Hall. It was agreed to grant £250, which is to be taken into account in any grant which may be made towards the erection of a Church. The first half of this grant has been paid.

Of grants made by the late Home Mission Committee, the final amount

of £375 has been paid to *Portsmouth*, and the Congregation at *Stoke Newington* has qualified for, and received £375, being the first half of the grant made to it.

Under the Evangelistic department they report:—

Two new Stations, both in the Presbytery of London, applied for and received grants from the Board. One of these is a Mission originated by the *Bournemouth* Congregation, and, being intended as a memorial of the late minister, is named the McGill Memorial Mission. It is situated in a populous district of Bournemouth, and will, it is hoped, develop into a regular charge.

The other is known as *Verulam*, and is situated in the south of London. The Mission has been in existence for some time, but it was only in November last that the Presbytery recognised it as a Preaching Station. There are earnest workers connected with it, and it is hoped that ere long it will be in a position to be raised to a sanctioned charge and become, even more than it now is, a centre for aggressive Evangelistic work in a very populous neighbourhood.

III.—FINANCE.

1. *General Fund*.—On this there is little calling for observation. At the first meeting of the Committee after the adoption of the new regulations by the Synod, it was agreed to distribute among the three Boards the balance from the previous year and the common income that had accrued since, in the ratio of their current liabilities. It will be seen from the accounts that each Board shows a credit balance at the end of the year, the figures being—

	£	s.	d.
North-Eastern Board	37	11	0
North-Western and Midland Board ...	287	3	11
Southern Board	367	1	9
Total Credit Balance	£691	16	8

2. *Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund*.—The adjustment of this Fund was necessarily, from the circumstances, a more delicate matter, and required more careful consideration. It was deemed expedient to refer the matter to a sub-committee consisting of the official members of the three Boards. On their recommendation it was agreed to go back to the close of 1882, when the old Church Building and Debt Extinction Scheme was wound up, and, after reserving £1,125 to meet unclaimed moieties of grants under the Old Scheme, to distribute the common elements in the finance in 1883 and 1884 among the three Boards, at the same time charging each Board with payments made to Congregations within its bounds during the same period. It will be seen from the accounts how this worked out, the general result being that the Southern Board, which had alone contributed largely to the New Scheme, was the only one which showed a Credit Balance at the end of 1884, the figures being—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Southern Board—Credit Balance ...				1,480	6	3
North-Eastern Board—Debit Balance	880	4	8			
North-Western and Midland Board—						
Debit Balance	126	8	6	1,006	13	2
Net Credit Balance...				£473	13	1

This would have been a very serious position, especially considering that provisional grants had been made involving liabilities to the amount of £6,505 in grants, exclusive of promised loans over the three Boards, but for the fact known at the time that Mr. Robert Barbour had left a legacy to this Fund of £5,000. This it was agreed to distribute, when it came in, with special regard at once to the amount of the respective liabilities of the three Boards and their ability to meet them.

The result at the end of 1885 will be seen from the following statement:—

	Credit Balance.			Provisional Grants		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
North-Eastern Board	421	12	8	1,250	0	0
North-Western and Midland Board ...	648	5	10	1,730	0	0
Southern Board	4,674	10	5	4,625	0	0
	<u>£5,744</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>£7,605</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

It will thus be seen that two out of the three Boards have made grants considerably in excess of the funds at their disposal. In the case of the third (the Southern) Board, the case is equally serious, since the apparently large balance in hand includes £2,348 3s. 8d. of paid-up subscriptions under the New Scheme. Matters will obviously not be in a satisfactory position till each Board has already in hand the money which it votes away. At the end of 1885 the provisional grants made exceeded the available resources of the aggregate Boards by no less a sum than £1,860 11s. 1d. During the few months that have elapsed since, the position has become considerably worse.

IV.—PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS ON EVANGELISTIC ACTIVITY WITHIN THEIR BOUNDS.

NORTH-EASTERN BOARD.

BERWICK.—The year has been one of considerable activity in Evangelistic work. As in the past, regular work of an Evangelistic character has been carried on by the various Congregations in the town of Berwick. As in former years, the Ministers report from the country districts cottage meetings, at which the services have been largely Evangelistic, well attended, and to some extent, at all events, affording an opportunity of reaching those who make no profession of attending any place of worship. These are among the stated forms of Evangelistic effort carried on under the Presbytery's direction. During the year special services have been held in connection with eight out of the fifteen Congregations of which the Presbytery is composed. The periods over which such services have extended vary in their duration from seven to fourteen days, and have been conducted partly by the Ministers themselves, and partly by Evangelists called in to assist in the work. The reports are of 'deepened earnestness,' 'much blessing,' 'many aroused to anxiety, and the children of God quickened,' and of 'decisions for Christ,' and 'additions to the membership.' In several instances the Lord's Supper was observed at the close of the meetings, and had the effect of imparting a peculiar sacredness to the season. A noticeable feature in the year's operations is the establishment of two District Sabbath Schools in connection with the Congregation at Beaumont.

These point to a prevalent want in the rural districts, and are, in this part of the country, a necessary and efficient adjunct to Evangelistic and other work. Tract distribution has accompanied the special efforts and has been to some extent carried on throughout the year over the entire district represented by the Presbytery.

DARLINGTON.—The report from this Presbytery is peculiarly full and interesting. It divides itself into three parts.

1. *Work of a stated and permanent kind*.—West Hartlepool and St. Andrew's, Stockton, carry on a Sabbath morning Mission Service for the young in their respective Mission-rooms. Crook still maintains Sabbath afternoon and evening services at Willington. Bishop Auckland has an Evangelistic service each Lord's-day evening at Bluerow, besides a monthly service of similar character in the Church. Hartlepool (East) reports a fortnightly meeting in a school-room nine miles from the church. Mount Pleasant has a monthly service at some distance from the church. At Holderness Road, Hull, during the summer months, weekly open-air services were held accompanied by systematic visitation. When winter came in, these meetings were transferred to private houses. This Congregation maintains a service on Sabbath evenings in the dining-hall of Messrs. Reckitt & Co.'s starch works, kindly given by the proprietors.

2. *Mission Schools*.—Seven of the Congregations have Mission schools distinct from the Congregational Sabbath school, and in some instances these schools are themselves reported as being largely of a Mission kind. It is interesting to notice that some of the lads who were brought under Christian training in Holderness Road Mission School are now active in Evangelistic work, and that one of them is now studying with a view to the Ministry. The Evangelistic workers, moreover, in connection with this Church meet once a week for Theological study, and have a reading-room supplied with religious magazines.

3. *Special Services*.—Five Congregations have held such services during the past year. In four of these Mr. W. Thomson, of Glasgow, was the agent. In Newport Road, Middlesbrough, where Mr. Thomson began his labours, the fruits have been—great blessing to many, the institution of a Sabbath morning prayer meeting and of a fellowship association for the study of the Scriptures, and an increase in the attendance upon the week-night services. Mr. Thomson laboured also in connection with St. George's (Stockton), Towlaw, and Whitby. In Towlaw there were several cases of professed conversion, and the spiritual life generally was much quickened. At Whitby the fruits were similar—a stimulus to the spiritual life and some cases of conversion. In connection with this visit and in some measure growing out of it, a Bible reading has been formed and a weekly class for Christian instruction and the growth of piety. At Grimsby a series of services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Robinson, of Morpeth, of which the fruit was an addition of twelve to the membership. Tract distribution is carried on to a large extent throughout the Presbytery. Cottage meetings and Bible readings are not a general feature of the work, but are maintained in connection with some of the Congregations. Owing probably to the vacancy in Prospect Street, Hull, the report of that Congregation, always so full and gratifying, is not to hand this year; but it is satisfactory to know that the work is being carried on with undiminished vigour. The lamented death of Mr. Linn, of York, explains the absence of reports from that centre and from Scarborough, of which Mr. Linn was Moderator during the greater part of the year.

NEWCASTLE.—The Evangelistic work of the Presbytery has been carried on with considerable vigour during the past year. Almost all the Congre-

gations have, as part of their regular agency, some branch of Home Mission work, and there is much to report in the way of Evangelistic Services of a special and temporary kind. Meetings of this nature were held at Falstone and Keildar, at Ellison St., Jarrow, at St. Paul's, South Shields, in which a notable feature was the large representation of office-bearers and leading members, at Gosforth, Stamfordham, and St. John's, South Shields. The general fruits have been—an accession of life and energy to the members of these Congregations, and in some instances a new life to such as were without.

During the autumn a series of services were held at Crookbank, in connection with the Congregation of Wark-on-Tyne. The average attendance was fifty, and the results have been of an obvious and practical kind. Three District Sunday Schools, 'Evangelistic in their origin and intention,' have been initiated by this Congregation during the past year, and will rank hereafter as a permanent branch of Congregational work. Northumberland Square Church, North Shields, celebrated the opening of a new Mission Hall by a series of Evangelistic meetings. Trinity Church, Newcastle, had a season of successful services in Melbourne Street Mission Hall, mainly under the direction of the Congregational Missionary. Westmoreland Road Church has been doing work of an Evangelical kind in the Benwell District of Newcastle. Not a few professed to have received saving benefit, and are walking worthy of their profession. For six months Killingworth has been supplied on Sabbaths by lay preachers under the direction of the Committee. Special week-night services have resulted in some cases of professed conversion and ultimate additions to the membership. Annitsford, an outlying district of this Congregation, was also the scene of Evangelistic operations, and one remarkable conversion was the fruit. Special attention is called to meetings held in connection with St. George's, Sunderland. Night after night, for a month, the Mission Hall at Hendon was crowded. Many availed themselves of the after meetings. From 80 to 90 professed conversion, 45 were received into the membership of the Church, and several are upon probation with a view to a like privilege.

The Committee thank God for the measure of success which has attended the work, and ask the prayers and sympathies of the Church at large.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Owing to its almost exclusively rural character, the Evangelistic work done in this Presbytery assumes of necessity the form of cottage meetings and services numerous, but not in many cases largely attended, in outlying hamlets. The reports from the various centres show increasing diligence in prosecuting the work along the lines which the circumstances suggest. In the detailed and exhaustive report submitted to the Presbytery, a uniform feature of the work was the conduct of cottage meetings, invariably well attended, and affording an opportunity of reaching some who make no profession of attending any place of worship, the return from West Chapel, Wooler, showing large diligence on the part of the Rev. Mr. Gregory, the newly appointed minister, in the direction of cottage meetings, open-air services, and the like. In connection with Newbiggin, a highly interesting and successful Sabbath evening service has been instituted at Ashington, a populous colliery district. The attendance from the outset has averaged from fifty to sixty. A Sabbath School is wrought in connection with this Station, with an average attendance of 100 children. This is a new and promising step in the Presbytery's aggressive work. From Glanton, Felton, Branton, Bavington, Long Framlington, St. James (Alnwick), N. Middleton and Bedlington, the returns bear a very similar complexion, and speak of cottage meetings, and in some instances of fortnightly and monthly services in outlying districts. The meeting at Ashing-

ton, the Station at Newton-on-the-Moor, under the direction of Mr. Barrie, the Morpeth Bullen's Green Mission, the Week-night Meeting at Bilton, under the guidance of a member of St. James's Session, and similar stated agencies, are the Presbytery's continuous contribution to this department of the Church's work, and, being of a character more or less permanent, are of peculiar value. Services of a special kind are reported from Harbottle only, in which case the results were a general quickening of the Congregational life, and various cases of professed conversion. A notable feature in the year's operations has been the establishment of District Sabbath Schools, of which a very considerable number are being carried on within the bounds.

NORTH-WESTERN BOARD.

LIVERPOOL.—The returns are only from one-half of the Congregations. In these returns there are 15 Missions reported, showing attendances running as high as 450 (Earle Road Mission), which, however, is far above the average. The partial returns make it impossible for the Board to give the Synod a fair idea of the amount of Home Mission work which is known to be carried on within the bounds of the Presbytery. Nothing is more striking in the returns made than the large extent to which the members of our Congregation are stated to be engaged in Christian work; scarcely less encouraging is the large amount of help which members of the Missions give in Sunday Schools, and other departments of Christian usefulness. Though, from some unexplained cause, the returns for this year are so partial, the Board has good reason for believing that the Evangelistic agencies reported to the Synod in previous years are still maintained.

MANCHESTER.—With but one exception, returns have been made by all the Congregations of this Presbytery, and considerable activity is manifest in this essential part of the work of a Congregation. To be mindful of the things of others is the secret of success in Congregational as in personal Christian life. From these 28 returns, it appears that 12 Congregations have Sunday services with an attendance of 731. Nine Congregations have Children's services and Sabbath Schools with an attendance of 1,090. Six Congregations have held special Evangelistic services extending from one week to two months. There are 370 tract distributors and visitors connected with 19 Congregations. Seven have mothers' meetings with an attendance of 211. Six have cottage meetings with an attendance of 87. These are a sample of the agencies and methods that are adopted. It is certainly not desirable that cases of personal good should be detailed in this public way. Yet indications, where they exist, of spiritual good being effected by these Congregational agencies would be very cheering, in addition to the mere details of meetings and attendances: *e.g.* Pendleton Congregation reports:—'We are steadily advancing. Several have died in the Lord, who attributed their conversion to Mission agencies. Some thirty or forty have been picked up for the Church.' The Missionary at Whalley Range reports:—'Our meetings are well attended. There is a wide door for visitation. Some are anxious inquirers, and we have reason to believe that others have obtained joy and peace in believing.' Nearly one thousand pounds have been spent in this work during the past year.

BIRMINGHAM.—In most of the Congregations of this Presbytery no special Evangelistic work has been conducted during the year. In three of the Congregations continuous work of this nature is being carried on, and in the judgment of the Board a method of this kind is preferable to spasmodic efforts, as showing a stronger spiritual life in the Congregation itself, and more likely to lead to lasting gain to the Church of Christ. Stafford Congregation reports a most gratifying series of meetings as having been

held at a certain time of the year, and that this good work is still going on. A Sunday Evening Mission is in charge of an Elder ; cottage meetings in charge of the Minister, but carried on by speakers trained in a Speakers' Training Class. Walsall reports that a Presbyterian Guild has been established, which is regarded as a continuous Evangelistic or Missionary effort, and leaves little opportunity for other efforts of the same kind. The Guild now numbers 160, about 50 of them averaging eighteen years of age. About 20 have free sittings, and have begun to attend the Church. Nottingham reports, that Mission work has been begun in the district of Hyson Green, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Church. It comprises tract distributors, 18 visiting in as many districts. The visitors are well received, and this agency is very useful. There is a District Sunday School with 240 on the roll, and 24 teachers and officers, all members of the Church—school increasing—raised £3 4s. 3d. for China Mission last year. Services have been established in this district on Sunday afternoon and evening—attendance at the evening service from 50 to 100—good hope that this work will grow, and meet the wants of a densely populated district. This Mission cost £80 for past year, towards which the North-Western and Midland District Board made a grant of £25.

CARLISLE.—The only Congregational report in this Presbytery calling for special notice is that from Harrington, which is as follows:—The Evangelistic service held fortnightly at Distington in former years is now held weekly, the Minister and one of the Elders alternately conducting the service. A similar service is held at Stamford Hill on three successive Tuesdays in each month. Cottage meetings have been held in different parts of the parish, in one case weekly, and in another fortnightly, during the year. The Mission Sabbath School at Distington is still maintained in a state of efficiency. We have also been engaged in a special effort, promoted by the Nonconformists of Harrington, the results of which have been remarkable, nearly 600 persons having been, so far as we can judge, converted to God. Meetings were held every night for five weeks, prayer meetings being held daily, and on Sabbath morning a prayer meeting being held at half-past seven o'clock. The latter is still held. The spiritual life has been revived in all the Churches, and large numbers have been added to the Church of such as are saved. The blessed fruits still remain in increased membership and augmented zeal in the work of God.

SOUTHERN BOARD.

The Board report as follows:—

Of Evangelistic work within the bounds there is not much of a special kind to notice.

BRISTOL.—The report furnished by this Presbytery gives indication of an Evangelistic spirit as more or less pervading the Congregations within its bounds, and though in only three have there been any *special* efforts during the year, in two others such efforts were in contemplation, while there have been other adaptations of the ordinary services with a view to meet special wants. The three which have held special services were Cardiff, Swindon, and Swansea. At Swansea the services were specially for children, and, in continuation of the work, the Minister has a children's service every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4, which is well attended.

LONDON.—This Presbytery reports that special Evangelistic services have been held at Bermondsey, Camden Road, Crouch Hill, Forest Hill, Kentish Town, Kingston, Upper Norwood, Regent Square, Somers Town, Wandsworth, and Westbourne Grove. The report adds, 'This list is far from exhaustive; it

comprises only those services which have been reported to the Committee, who would be thankful if it were deemed the duty of each Congregation engaging in such efforts to report them to the Committee, in order that the Church as a whole might be informed of what is being done by its members.' It also mentions that in at least two of the above cases a week of services for the adults was preceded by a week of services for the young, which were marked by much that was encouraging. It also directs attention to the custom which obtains at Notting Hill, where an Evangelistic service is conducted, as a rule, once a week by the Minister of the Church at the close of the week-day service. Reference is also made to the Agricultural Hall Services, which, though on an undenominational basis, have been conducted for eighteen years by an honoured Minister of this Church. This report contains a number of suggestions which will, no doubt, be considered by the Presbytery with a view to future operations. And reference is made to two of the students in our own College (Messrs. Davey and Irvine) who have been much blessed in Evangelistic work in the North of Ireland, which they resume this summer in connection with our own Church.

Your Committee submit the usual statistical return of Congregational Mission work reported as carried on throughout the Church.

Presbyteries	Attendance at Mission Services for Adults	Mission Sabbath School's		
		No. of Schools	Roll	Attendance
Berwick	340	4	390	276
Birmingham	288	2	275	198
Bristol	60	1	145	100
Carlisle	464	8	836	589
Darlington	462	9	1,123	938
Liverpool	2,364	23	7,930	5,995
London	4,861	37	8,980	6,455
Manchester	975	11	1,873	1,383
Newcastle	1,796	29	4,410	3,172
Northumberland	291	5	298	251
Total	11,901	129	26,260	19,357

The figures for 1884 were—Attendance at Mission Services for Adults, 11,905; Mission Schools, 112; Mission Scholars, 23,913, with attendance 17,305. The Adult services remain stationary, but the increase in the Mission Schools is most encouraging.

V.—MATTERS REMITTED.

Last Synod left in the hands of the Committee for another year the Overtures from the Presbytery of Newcastle, on the Preaching of the Gospel by other than regular Licentiates and Ministers, and on the Ordination of Home Missionaries, with instructions to lay the conclusions at which they should arrive before the Presbyteries of the Church, and to obtain their judgment on them in the course of the

year, so as to mature the questions for consideration by this Synod. Your Committee have now to report as follows, viz. :—

1. PREACHING BY OTHER THAN REGULAR LICENTIATES AND MINISTERS.

The conclusions arrived at by the Committee were as follows :—

1. That while the Church ought to insist as strongly as she has ever done upon the need of thorough theological training for Ministers in the pastoral care of regular Congregations, who are authorised to bear witness to the faith in the name of the Church and to expound the whole counsel of God as set forth in His Word, yet the Committee think that it is likewise her duty, especially in present circumstances, to recognise and encourage that personal testimony to the saving power of Christ's Gospel and declaration of the truth which the Lord from time to time moves not a few of her other office-bearers and members to make; because they are persuaded that it is His will to call to faith and obedience many of those who are without, through the instrumentality of such preachers of His message.

2. That, in view of these considerations, as well as of the opinion expressed by seven out of the ten Presbyteries of the Church, to the effect that definite action should be taken to recognise this description of Christian work, the Synod be recommended to authorise Presbyteries to form lists of office-bearers and other members of the Church qualified to take part within their bounds in such public service under the sanction of the Church, and that Congregations desiring the aid of Evangelists be recommended to draw as far as possible upon such lists.

Should the Synod see its way to initiate action in this direction, it is suggested that encouragement be given to the formation at suitable centres of training classes, by the help of which likely persons may be more fully equipped for such work.

On these suggestions the following Presbyteries have reported approving them *simpliciter*, namely :—

The Presbyteries of *Berwick, Birmingham, Carlisle, Darlington, London, Manchester, Northumberland, and Newcastle*. The return of the Presbytery of *Bristol* does not pronounce on the suggestions of the Committee, but records the following resolutions of the Presbytery, namely :—

1st. That in their conviction there are men within the Ministry of the Church, possessing special Evangelistic gifts, and they would recommend the Church to begin her new departure in seeking to gather in the lapsed by employing them.

2nd. That when God, in His holy providence, raises up special agents for His work outside of the Church's arrangements, the Church should be quick to recognise such men, and to give them all the encouragement and official sanction in her power.

3rd. That under all circumstances, agencies, such as training classes, that would make workers more efficient should be encouraged.

The return of the Presbytery of *Liverpool* is in the following terms :—

In so far as the proposals are consistent with the present practice of the Church the Presbytery approves; but in so far as they contemplate new office and new recognition they see serious difficulties in the way.

2. ORDINATION OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

The conclusion of your Committee was as follows, namely :—

The Committee are of opinion that the practical exigencies of the Church in reference to Home Mission work can be sufficiently met, in harmony with her principles and usages, by the ordination of persons of eminent and proved fitness as occasions may rise.

The Presbyteries have reported on this question as follows :—

The Presbyteries of *Berwick, Birmingham, Carlisle, Darlington, Liverpool, Newcastle, Northumberland*, approving *simpliciter* ;

The Presbytery of *Bristol* by the following resolution :—

That they do not consider it desirable to encourage the feeling among the ordinary Christian workers or teachers in the Church, that ordination is something to be sought after, as stamping the worker and his work with special importance ;

The Presbytery of *Manchester* by the following resolution :—

Regarding the finding of the Home Mission Committee on the Overture from members of Synod on the subject of ordination of home missionaries with a limited pastorate as an explicit adhesion to the *status quo ante* in respect of the constitutional powers of the Synod, the Presbytery of Manchester hereby respectfully express their approval of the said finding.

The Presbytery of *London* take the opposite view, their return being—

That, in the judgment of this Presbytery, the practical exigencies of the Church are not sufficiently met by the finding of the Home Mission Committee, which seems to contemplate nothing more than the continuance of the present mode of dealing with the cases referred to in the Overture.

VI.—SYNOD DEPUTIES.

It was arranged at last Synod that the Visitation of 1885-6 was to embrace the Congregations of the London Presbytery lying south of the Thames, with the exception of the South Coast Congregations, which were visited in 1883 ; together with those of the Presbytery of Berwick.

The visitation of the first of these was duly carried out in the autumn of last year by the Synod deputies whose names appear in the appended report, the Rev. James Mellis kindly taking the place of the Rev. John Thompson, who was precluded by bereavement from fulfilling his appointment, and the Rev. R. H. Lundie and Mr. Robert Amos giving supplementary assistance.

Arrangements had been made for the visitation of the Presbytery of Berwick in the second and third weeks of March, but the violent snow-storm which took place in the week immediately preceding rendered the prospect of carrying out the visitation satisfactorily so extremely precarious that it was deemed necessary to postpone the visitation till the autumn. Mr. Thompson was also to have given his valuable services in connection with this visitation, but was again overtaken by bereavement, and obliged to give up the appointment. Your Committee cannot but express their deep sympathy with their brother in the severe and repeated

trials which have thus overtaken him in the very midst of the work which he had undertaken.

Your Committee recommend that, in addition to the Presbytery of Berwick, that of Manchester be visited during the coming year, and that the deputies be the Revs. S. R. McPhail, Robert Taylor, James Mellis, John Thompson and John Bogue, ministers, and Messrs. James Goodman, Thomas Matheson, John Hume, W. S. Wilkinson, and Dr. Gauld, ruling Elders.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee, by

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Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' General Fund, p. 262; Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund, p. 268.]

APPENDIX.

VISITATION OF LONDON PRESBYTERY BY SYNOD DEPUTIES.

FIRST GROUP.

Visited by Rev. R. H. LUNDIE, of Liverpool, and Mr. R. AMOS, Elder, of Alnwick, from October 6 to 19, 1885.

THE Deputies regret that the exigencies of the case, requiring them to commence their regular work of visitation on October 6, deprived them of the privilege of meeting with the Presbytery of London like their fellow deputies. The Deputies visited the under-named Congregations:—

ALDERSHOT.—The large camp gives a distinctive character to the town. Much is done for the soldiers, there being no less than three Institutes established for their comfort and welfare. The general conduct of the soldiers is said to have greatly improved within the last twenty years. Yet there is a certain proportion of camp-followers whose influence in the town is not of the best. Though there is a recognised Presbyterian chaplain in Aldershot, a considerable number of soldiers choose to attend our Church. Some of them return for evening worship, when attendance is not compulsory, thus evidencing their love of the courts of God's House. The Colporteur who labours among the soldiers in connection with the Tract and Book Society of Scotland is under the direction of the Session of our Church. He is exceptionally fitted for the position he fills, has a marvellous faculty for recognising the men who occupy the camp by thousands, and of winning their confidence. His work has been blessed to many, as was manifest to one of the Deputies who had the opportunity of going through the camp in his company. He deserves all the countenance and help which the Church at large can give him. The Church accommodation in the town has more than doubled since 1877, while the permanent population is scarcely enlarged. Our Congregation gradually increases. There is a good staff of office-bearers, and all seem hopeful. There is a promising new field for Mission work if the means were possessed to occupy it. A debt of about £430

on Church and manse is felt to be a burden and a clog upon effort. In any attempt to remove it, the Congregation is worthy of help from friends outside. The Congregation is rich in workers, a number of whom, for want of a sufficient sphere of their own, are lent to the cause of Wesleyan Missions.

ASTON-TYRROLD.—The population scarcely reaches 500. The district is purely agricultural, and the farmers are almost entirely grouped together in the village. The Church-accommodation is large, there being more sittings than men, women, and children in the district. There are scarcely any persons who do not attend some place of worship. Our Congregation had its origin in the memorable year 1662. The title-deeds connect the Church with the Presbyterian body, and, after being for a time in the hands of the Independents, it has reverted of late years to the Presbyterians. Many of the most influential people of the district are the descendants of the original founders of the Church, and continue loyally attached to it. The members of the Church are English, not a Scotchman being found either in pew or pulpit. The members are warmly attached to our Church, and form a united and living community. They are faithful in contributing to the schemes of the Church. Though the population of the surrounding district is sparse, well-adapted measures have been taken to do the work of evangelisation, and with encouraging success. Tent-meetings have been held in all the neighbouring villages, and suitable Evangelists have been associated with the Minister in the work. The meeting to receive the Deputies was large and encouraging, aided, perhaps, by the holding of a tea-meeting before the time of reception.

READING.—The town is an increasing one, and seems to have suffered less than most others from the prevailing commercial depression. Its moral condition is said to compare not unfavourably with that of other towns in the district. Its Church accommodation appears to be ample, about two-thirds of the sittings provided being occupied. The Deputies had good meetings both with office-bearers and Congregation; and Mr. Lundie preached on a Sabbath in Reading and visited the Sabbath School. We found an excellent spirit prevailing of unity and hope. The attendance at Church and Sabbath School is steadily increasing since the settlement some months ago of the new Minister. The Congregation had fallen somewhat out of line in reference to the schemes of the Church, but this year collections are being taken for all of them. We found the people full of interest and activity in connection with a Bazaar which was just about to be held. The willing spirit of the Congregation is conspicuous. The number of Elders will be reinforced as the Congregation grows. There are two serious difficulties with which they have to contend, and will, no doubt, contend successfully. The first is a heavy debt which weighs seriously upon their resources. The second is the want of any Hall or even large room connected with the Church. In many ways this want has a crippling effect.

JERSEY.—The moral condition of the dwellers in the island appears to be good on the whole. But there is at all seasons of the year a large floating population containing elements unfavourable to morals and religion; a considerable body of Jesuits have been planted of late years in the island. There is a powerful temperance movement in Jersey, and considerable diminution in the number of public-houses is reported. There is sufficient Church accommodation, of which about two-thirds are reported to be occupied. When the Deputies visited St. Helier's the pulpit was vacant, a circumstance which put the Congregation to disadvantage. There are, however, marks of not a little life and vigour. There is a large staff of Elders and Managers, and a numerous band of ladies who distribute tracts, &c. Soldiers in hospital are regularly visited. There is a Mission School at a distance of two miles; and

there appear to be in the Congregation all the elements needed for carrying on additional Mission-work when the time may be found propitious. Mr. Lundie preached on a Sabbath to large congregations; he also visited the Sabbath School, which at present is not large, but will doubtless increase in numbers. There is no lack of able and zealous workers, and the Deputies left the island with the best hopes for the future of the Congregation.

GUERNSEY.—There are some favourable features in this island as compared with England. Public-houses are not numerous, the Sabbath is well observed, letters are neither received nor despatched on the Lord's day. As in Jersey the people are industrious, contented, and on the whole prosperous, the value of the land and its produce being exceptionally great. Here, too, the influence of the floating population is to some extent disadvantageous. The Church accommodation is sufficient. Our own Congregation is not numerous, nor does it seem easy to procure accessions, denominational lines being strongly marked. About forty soldiers are at present in regular attendance at our Church. If any considerable progress is to be made in Guernsey another Church must be provided. The present building is in a bad situation, and is difficult to find. It has no Hall, and no apartment attached except a very small vestry. Nor is there any room beside the Church for extension. Our Church should be placed in a front street, and provided with the necessary appliances. However diligent and faithful a minister may be in present circumstances it will be difficult to make much way.

ALDERNEY.—The population, exclusive of the military, is 1,500. Church accommodation is provided for 2,100, and the attendance is estimated at 680. The population when the Breakwater was being constructed was much greater than at present. Our Church is an excellent building, and in good condition. A portion of it is curtained off to form a Hall for the Sabbath School, &c. There are 30 Communicants. The average attendance at Church is given at 60 in the morning, and about 100 in the evening; it has increased, and is increasing. Mr. Way throws great energy into his work, and has won a good degree in the island. He visits every house in Alderney, and is everywhere kindly received, no hindrance being thrown in the way even by Roman Catholics. Sick soldiers are visited, and a "Fellowship Meeting" is held in winter. A good Library would be a boon to the Congregation and to the island. The Congregation is under the care of the Guernsey Session. The Deputies had the happiness of being accompanied to Alderney by the Minister of Guernsey. Along with Mr. Way and the venerable Elder to whom all our Channel Island Churches owe so great a debt, he met with the Deputies, and communicated all desired information. The Deputies did not, as in other places, meet with the Congregation alone. Advantage was taken of their visit to this remote place to invite all. Accordingly there was a large gathering of people, including Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Methodists, and the Salvation Army, which marched with fife and banner to the Church, and then were quietly incorporated with the rest. The meeting was addressed in both English and French. It was full of life and interest, and brought refreshment not only to the islanders but to their Visitors. The Deputies carry away very favourable impressions of the work being done here; the limited population being the only difficulty—but a serious one—in the way of any great increase in our Congregation.

HOLYBOURNE.—This charge is planted in a rural parish of 600 inhabitants. There is Church accommodation for 500, about one-third of which is occupied. The Church is a convenient and comfortable one, pleasing and unpretentious, and is in fact a model of cheap and satisfactory construction for the purpose in view. At the time of the visit of the Deputies the pulpit was

vacant, and the Congregation which, has not been long or firmly established, was somewhat shaken. It is believed that the Congregation has exercised a distinctly beneficial influence in the neighbourhood, as manifested in improved Sabbath observance and otherwise. The attendance at the Deputies' meeting was small, and the Sabbath attendance at present is not numerous. But there is a nucleus of warmly attached friends, who will do for the place what may seem wisest. Tract distribution has been largely employed, a library is established, a Band of Hope is vigorously worked, and various useful activities are in operation. The field, however, especially the unoccupied field, is not large. It is not for the Deputies, but for the Presbytery of the bounds, to determine what course should be followed in present circumstances.

SOUTHWARK.—The Church is well situated in a leading thoroughfare, and in the centre of a dense mass of population, chiefly of the working class. It is distant about a mile and a half from each of the three nearest Congregations. The present Minister was inducted in June 1884. Mr. Amos visited the Congregation on a Sabbath forenoon and conducted the service. Unfortunately the Minister was absent, and thus one end of the visit was frustrated. A meeting, however, had been arranged with the office-bearers, nine out of eleven of whom were present. An interesting Conference was held with them. In their opinion, intemperance, profanity, and indifference painfully characterise a large portion of the population. With the exception of Mr. Spurgeon's and Dr. Newman Hall's, the Nonconformist Churches are weak and thinly attended. The Church of England is strong in numbers, and is in many cases Ritualistic. The condition of the Congregation is weak; the attendance was stated to be about seventy in the morning, and eighty in the evening, though on the morning of the visit there must have been not fewer than 130 present. The Church is seated for over 700, so that there is much room for effort. A Bible-class in connection with the higher instruction scheme is being organised. A Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society, with 15 or 16 members, meets weekly. The Sabbath School was visited. It is under the efficient superintendence of one of the Elders. It appeared to be in character more a Mission than a Congregational Sabbath School. The first step to any improvement or progress in this Congregation is to be looked for in the renovation of the buildings. The accommodation is ample, but the whole are dirty and dilapidated in the extreme. The office-bearers are hopeful that real progress could be made if this difficulty were overcome. But a large expenditure is indispensable. Steps are being taken to determine what is necessary to be done, and the cost. The Congregation will be able to do part, but wise Church extension as much demands the renovation of good Churches that are going to ruin as the building of new ones, and the strengthening of existing Congregations in suitable localities as the opening of new spheres.

Verulam.—This is a Mission now under the charge of the Presbytery. It owes its beginning and much of its present prosperity to the personal effort of a former member of Clapham Road, with which Congregation it had for a time a somewhat undefined connection. Amid not a little that is formally irregular, there is here much excellent work being accomplished. Mr. Amos visited the Sabbath School in the afternoon, and was surprised and gratified to find, not an ordinary Mission School, but one most efficiently organised, with 260 children present, and a proportionate staff of teachers. In a part of the Church, screened off, was held a large adult class of men and women, under the care of the preacher, Mr. P. A. Milne, who has nobly consecrated his energies to the work. Judged by their appearance, the children and teachers were chiefly of the better working class. At the public service in the evening, conducted by the Deputy, there was a congre-

gation of over 300. Previous to its commencement a meeting for conference was held with Mr. Milne and about a dozen intelligent, earnest men, who are workers with him in the Mission. The whole is well organised. The Sacraments are administered by someone appointed by the Presbytery. A Communion roll, carefully kept, shows 97 members, and strong testimony is borne by the Committee of workers to the faithful pastoral labours of the young preacher on whose ministry the Divine blessing seems evidently resting. An excellent building has been secured, but the financial strain upon the preacher and the young cause is great. Doubtless, however, the fostering care of the Presbytery will now be freely given; while there seems every reason to hope that out of this Mission effort will grow a fully equipped Congregation.

At the close of their visitation, all the Deputies met in Clapham Church, with those who could and would attend, but their number was not great. They deem it important that in future the work of Deputies should wind up with a frank conference with the Presbytery of the bounds.

CONCLUSION.—The group described above comprises several of our weaker charges. The Deputies are impressed with the importance of lending such charges all the sympathy and encouragement possible. Distant and isolated Congregations are peculiarly sensitive to kindness shown, and peculiarly grateful for visits paid. It is not less important to foster feeble charges than to embark on new enterprises. This holds especially in reference to charges which, like Southwark, are planted amid dense and needy populations. A good deal still remains to be accomplished in the way of bringing all our Congregations into line as regards the general and steady support of all the Synodical schemes. The attainment of this end would be no less healthful for the individual charges than beneficial to the Church at large. In the Channel Islands, there exists a considerable Huguenot element which is well fitted on various grounds to call forth the generous sympathy of the Church. May the time soon arrive when the marvellous fertility of these islands shall find its parallel in the spiritual fruitfulness of their inhabitants.

In laying down their commission, the Deputies desire to bear testimony to the cordiality of their reception everywhere, to the brotherly frankness with which their inquiries were answered, and to the kindly consideration vouchsafed to their suggestions. They return with an enhanced sense of the value of the plan of Synodical visitation. It is perhaps scarcely less fitted to be instructive to the Visitors than beneficial to those visited.

R. H. LUNDIE.
R. AMOS.

SECOND GROUP.

Visited by Rev. JAS. MELLIS, M.A., of Southport, and Mr. FRANCIS JOHNSTON, Elder, of Egremont, from October 7 to 19, 1885.

The Deputies have pleasure in reporting that they met everywhere with the most cordial reception from ministers, office-bearers, and others in the several Congregations. Careful and painstaking arrangements had been made in anticipation of the visit, and every facility was given the

Deputies for prosecuting the business with which they were charged. On both sides, we believe, the interviews and meetings held were found pleasant and profitable. It was the aim of the Deputies to impress those they addressed with the fact that the Synod had a real interest in them, rejoiced in their prosperity, sympathised with them in their difficulties, and desired to be as fully in touch with them as possible. Practical details of the work done and endeavoured were carefully inquired into, while a very prominent place was given to the spiritual aspects and purposes of Church fellowship, life, and work. All that was said, whether in private consultation or in face of the Congregations, was received in the most admirable spirit, the feeling evidently being one of satisfaction that the Synod cared to inquire by Deputies into the state of its Congregations, and did not leave all its information to be gathered from the bare statistics of schedules. In proof of this, a remark not infrequently made at the close of meetings was to the effect—‘The Synod has been to most of us a very impersonal thing; we have known little or nothing about it; we have just been going our own way as best we could, and have scarcely sufficiently realised that we are part of a living Presbyterian Church. We are glad to see that the Synod remembers us in this way. After this we shall be able to take a warmer interest in it, and feel encouraged to be more loyal to our Church.’

Seeing and hearing facts which words like these imply, your Deputies could not but feel that our beloved Church was wisely guided when she resolved to get into living contact and relations as close and kindly as possible with her individual Congregations. Nothing can be more calculated to remove the sense of isolation or the tendency to mere Congregationalism which it is often so hard for our people and office-bearers to resist.

EDENBRIDGE, or Greybury Church, as we found it familiarly called, was first visited. Parish population, 1,800; population within circuit of a mile, about 1,000. The look of things here is for the present very hopeful. This is a country Congregation, the worshippers being gathered from the village in which the Church is and the surrounding district, also from the village of Edenbridge, about two miles off. With the exception of a tanyard there are no large works near, the people being chiefly occupied with farm work, hop-picking at the season, and village shopkeeping. There are one or two farmers connected with the Congregation, which is made up almost entirely of English elements. There is a Committee of Management, but no Session. They are waiting for a Minister to be sent to them who will organise and promote Church life. At the time of the Deputies' visit this charge was being ably supplied by one of our own probationers. A hopeful and earnest tone seemed to pervade the people. Buildings consist both of a Church and Day School, erected by the liberality of Mr. Morton, one of the proprietors of Greybury. They are elegant in appearance, and in every way most suitable. The Day School is conducted by a certificated teacher. The Sunday School was well reported of. Altogether there is in Edenbridge a promising field, and an earnest Minister will soon gather round him an interesting country Congregation.

HIGHFIELDS, WITHYHAM.—Population, parish, 2,000; population, one-mile circle, 300. This also is a rural charge, but a new railway will shortly bring it into touch with the busy world. For many years it was on the footing of a preaching station, but was raised to the full status about five or

six years ago. The present Minister was then ordained over it, he having been in charge of the Congregation for several years previously. It is a lonely outpost of Presbyterianism, and very much owes its existence to the influence and means of one individual—Mr. Haig, a leading proprietor in the neighbourhood. He has built an elegant Church for the Congregation of Kentish people, which is small, but keeps well together. Farm work and hop-picking are the chief occupations. The Sunday School seems to be pretty vigorous. In connection with it temperance work is diligently prosecuted. The Shorter Catechism is taught, and the children learn it with comparative ease. There is a Session; a Committee of Management was about to be elected. In this small and poor district six public-houses put temptation in the way of many, and exert a baneful influence. There is a good deal of Sunday drinking. The religious influences in the parish have been strongly Ritualistic. Altogether this is a weak charge, and the position of its Minister calls for sympathy. A movable ministry—changing every two or three years at the longest—for outlying Congregations of this class would, in the opinion of your Deputies, be better for both minister and people. The unbroken monotony and isolation is killing, and much blessing would result from any arrangement that would bring such charges into the constant sense of fellow-feeling with the Church at large. At the time of your Deputies' visit a special sense of discouragement was felt owing to uncertainty that had arisen as to Mr. Haig's continued support. The London Presbytery were in correspondence with Mr. Haig on the subject.

CANTERBURY.—The Congregation here, if not large, is active, there being several Associations formed amongst the young people for fellowship and Christian work. Besides the Sunday School, there is a Children's Service on Sunday mornings before the regular service. There seemed to be a good deal of external life manifested. The Church is a fine structure, with a capacious and admirable lecture hall beneath. The Congregation appeared united and hearty; but it will be easily understood that in a cathedral city there are special difficulties in rearing a Presbyterian Church. These are apparently present with force in this seat of the Primacy, where our Presbyterian order is comparatively little known, and even regarded with disfavour. We may well sympathise with our Minister and Congregation in Canterbury. Financial matters, too, were causing serious anxiety; these were being dealt with by the London Presbytery. Canterbury being a military depôt, the Minister acts as Presbyterian chaplain to the troops. Visitation is carried on among the soldiers, with interesting and good results. The number of men who attend worship in the Presbyterian Church varies greatly according to the composition of the regiments in town. The barracks are some distance from the Church. In general movements for the good of the community, *e.g.* in open air services and the like, our friends in Canterbury show a commendable zeal. On the morning of Sunday, October 11, one of the Deputies occupied the pulpit. The attendance was under 150. The friends here are somewhat discouraged. Still they appear to possess the elements of prosperity, and with Christian prudence and devotion your Deputies are persuaded there is for the Presbyterian cause in Canterbury a sphere which may be filled with honour, and work waiting to be done which may be accomplished with success.

CHATHAM was next visited by one of the Deputies, who preached on the Sunday evening, and by both in company on the Monday. A great deal of information was given the Deputies as to the state of the town generally in respect of temperance and morality; also of various institutions which existed for the moral, spiritual, and physical well-being of soldiers and sailors. It was stated that the Secularists had a place of meeting, and that various

Churches were, as a rule, rather poorly attended. New Brompton was spoken of as a good field for a Presbyterian Church. There is a considerable Scotch element among the Dockyard employés and the garrison troops. At one period of its history our Congregation here was stronger than at present. It seems to be somewhat recovering itself again, but it cannot be said that we have anything like fulfilled our obligations to Chatham. There is neither growth nor progress. There is still only an iron church—but a comfortable one—with a very nice brick hall behind. It was built ‘in memoriam’ of a former Minister. The usual Church organisations exist, but they are feeble. In addition, there is a ladies’ society for visitation, and assistance of poor women. Sailors are invited to the Minister’s Bible Class; and the hospital is open to his visits. Here, as in other places, the Deputies met first with the office-bearers, and thereafter with the Congregation. There was a fair representation of both. A stronger Session, if obtainable, would be a great support to Minister and Congregation. There is much loyalty exhibited; but your Deputies were made aware of a ‘root of bitterness’ which had been a source of trouble, and still required to be eradicated. The belief was expressed that it was less influential for harm than it had been.

GRAVESEND.—This Congregation possesses a handsome, well-appointed Church, with hall. Unfortunately there is a heavy debt, stated to amount to about 1,500*l*. This is trying to a Congregation which, though well-to-do, has discouragements to contend with. At one time a popular Church, with large attendances, it has suffered decline, many going back to the Episcopal Church which was their original ecclesiastical home. The attraction to the Established Church in other cases is due, so it was stated, partly to its cheapness and partly to its music. One result of this is a diminished stipend, threatening to fall still lower. Might not the Congregation make an effort to remedy this? A stronger Session would be a great advantage, and it would be well if the Communion roll were written up annually. Although there are discouragements good work is being done both within and beyond the Congregation. The Sunday School stands well, and had the honour of coming out best at the Sunday School Union examination for West Kent. Young people have both a sermonette and hymn for themselves at the usual morning service. Three or four ladies conduct a Dorcas meeting, which is well attended and is found useful. The week evening service is considered hopeful by the Minister. Mention should be made of a general mission, originated by the devoted disciples Mary Broom and General Gordon, and now managed by a Committee for the good of the town. In this the Presbyterian element is strong and active, and really its promoters, though not wishing to claim it as their own. The population of Gravesend consists largely of pilots and watermen, but is partly residential also. This latter seemed its character in the immediate neighbourhood of our Church. We hope that better times may return to this Congregation. One of the Deputies addressed the Congregation at the morning service on October 18th. The attendance was thin. There are many excellent gifts and capacities for usefulness in this Church, which if united and applied in promoting the efficiency of the Congregation would restore it to more than its former influence and prosperity. It is surely not the will of our Father that any of His Churches should languish. If the means are used, the blessing will not be withheld.

WOOLWICH.—Here were found the two largest Congregations of this group—New Road, the older Congregation; and St. Andrew’s, of more recent origin. On Sunday, the 11th, Mr. Mellis preached in the morning to the latter Congregation, in the evening to the former. He also had an opportunity in the afternoon of addressing, in New Road Church, a very large meeting of young people, being a gathering of several Sunday Schools of various

denominations in connection with the Sunday School Union. The Sunday Schools of both our Congregations were present, forming part of this most interesting assemblage, which filled the capacious Church in every part. Woolwich may be said to exist for military purposes; and the general character of the place in this respect is manifest in the close association which subsists between our Congregations and the Arsenal and Garrison respectively.

For example, *St. Andrew's*, which was first visited, is very largely made up of families the male members of which are employed in the various Arsenal departments. Nearly all the office-bearers fill posts there, the superintendent of the Arsenal being one of the managers of the Congregation. On the evening of the Deputies' visit the Session could not meet, all the Elders being engaged in overtime work at the Arsenal, where regulations as to this are very exacting. A goodly number of the other office-bearers and Christian workers were on the spot to welcome the Deputies, who, after a full interview with them, addressed a meeting of the Congregation in the hall. Much vigorous life was manifested, and a loyal, united spirit seemed to prevail. This Congregation was formed in 1861 as an offshoot from the older one. A Mothers' Meeting, conducted by Mrs. Colonel Travers, is largely attended; also the Band of Hope. A Musical Society is popular with and useful among the young people. Members of the Congregation take part in a Mission two miles off which was started by a former member, also in other evangelistic work. It does not appear that any special organisations are in operation on behalf of our Foreign Missions. A vigorous Congregation like this might well turn its attention in this direction. Attendances at the regular diets of worship are regarded as good and hearty. A large proportion of those connected with this Congregation are Scotch. The Church is a fine building, and other accommodation for meetings and classes is good and ample. As the fact is notorious that the Minister of this Congregation is also a practising barrister, the Deputies feel justified in noting that no indications met them of the Church suffering from this plurality. They rather observed that among these highly intelligent artisans this Minister, by virtue of his peculiar qualifications, exercised a kind of fascination on the strong democratic character of Woolwich, which, if wielded on the side of Christ, should in the course of years temper and correct the materialistic tendencies which prevail.

New Road.—As noticed above, this is the senior Congregation. Its date in the Blue-book is 1839; but it can trace back its ecclesiastical history as far as 1662, its Minister of that date being one of 'the ejected.' The late building has been much improved during the present pastorate, the interior being both capacious and of fine effect. It is the fourth place of worship on the same site. General Gordon was baptised in this Church. There was a good meeting of Elders, Deacons, Sunday School teachers, and others to meet the Deputies. Organisations are numerous and vigorous. Besides those most usual, there is a Thrift Society, a Dorcas Meeting, and also an Evangelistic Association and Young Men's Association. A Special Evangelistic Service is held once a month. Regular services are well attended. That in the morning is attended by the Presbyterian troops in the garrison, to whom our Minister, Dr. Raitt, is chaplain. This is a most important and useful post, though it adds considerably to the duties of the ordinary pastorate. It entails an afternoon service each Sunday at the Herbert Military Hospital; week-day visitation there, also in the men's and married quarters of the various barracks, with the maintenance of a Bible Class. A Sunday School is held at 'The Camp,' and is in charge of the Emeritus Minister of the Congregation, the Rev. W. M. Thompson. These various ministrations among the military quartered at Woolwich, though laborious, are of special

interest, and attended with no small encouragement, the joy of reaping being an experience not rare. It was delightful to learn that among both officers and men of the garrison there was a powerful leaven of godliness, and that every soldier's kit includes a Testament. The town is in the meantime decidedly non-Church-going. The working people have long hours of labour, and on Sundays they frequent the barrack-field in thousands to hear the military bands. Very special means are needed to win the Woolwich people to the Saviour. As a community it seems to have distinct peculiarities of its own, calling for special devotedness on the part of the Christians of the town. The general condition of the stated Congregation was, so far as we could judge, healthy and progressive; and this important post well manned. Its Christian enterprises are numerous and active; but here, as in the sister Congregation, a comparatively insignificant place is given to Foreign Missions. Both our Churches in Woolwich are doing good work under their respective Ministers. Though drunkenness, impurity, and infidelity are doing what they can to enlarge the kingdom of darkness, and are leading hindrances to the Gospel, it was satisfactory to be informed that they are not so conspicuously influential as might have been expected.

DARENTH was visited by Mr. Johnston alone on October 16th, and again on the 18th, in the evening, when he occupied the pulpit. The Church and school accommodate 150 each, and were provided by Mr. Morton. The school is rented to the School Board for day school purposes. The County Asylum and a small-pox hospital are near the Church. Farningham School is within easy distance. Dartford is two miles off in one direction, and South Darenth with its paper mill industry, employing 337 hands, a similar distance in the other. No other place of worship is near it. The district is rural. The young Minister quite recently located at this station has the New Testament idea of a Church in his heart, and with his wife as a devoted fellow-worker, is prayerfully labouring in practical ways to realise that. Warm adherents come to the services from Dartford and South Darenth. The Asylum officials attend alternately. On the Sabbath evening there were over eighty persons present, with a good choir. The Minister is making up the roll of membership, and seeking for fit men to act as Elders. There are six managers, and at the meeting with them and afterwards with forty of the people on Friday evening and otherwise, it was found they were responding to the fervour of their young pastor, and joining in his schemes to still further improve the attendance at the Lord's day and week evening services and at the Sunday School, to increase the contributions for ordinances, to provide communion plate, to keep the premises in nice order, and to promote everything necessary to the efficiency of the cause. Everything about this little Church is promising. It is only like the grain of mustard seed as yet, but it is rooted in the soil, and making its life felt all round. It would add to the Minister's power for good, and perhaps help his too limited income, if Mr. Morton's influence could procure for him the appointments of chaplain to the Asylum and also to Farningham School. Tended as it is at present, this Church will more and more become a centre of Christian life and blessing to the district around.

On a review of the whole field that came under the observation of your Deputies, two impressions of a general kind are respectfully submitted.

1. The public-house with its ramified influences is a tremendous antagonist to all kinds of good. It was mentioned everywhere, though not as if the places visited were worse than others.

2. Our Church is strong in organisation, well designed and faith-

fully wrought out. This is highly creditable so far as it goes. But one looks anxiously beyond machinery for *life*. Happily that is not wanting; but it is neither so abundant nor so strong as the true health of the Church demands.

A full tide of spiritual revival would be a supreme blessing. The channels for receiving and turning it to good account in the various Congregations are varied and excellent. If the Synod could in any way give the *impression* that it was as much alive to this as all Congregations feel it to be in regard to ways and means, our people would be greatly stirred up to seek earnestly the best things.

We do not presume to suggest, but feel satisfied that an impulse of this kind, proceeding from the Supreme Court of our Church, would cheer all and cure unhealthy symptoms.

JAMES MELLIS.
F. JOHNSTON.

THIRD GROUP.

Visited by Rev. Dr. GROSART, of Blackburn, and Mr. THOMAS MATHESON, Elder, of Liverpool, from October 6 to 19, 1885.

Agreeably to appointment of the Synod, the undersigned Deputies, having been enabled to complete their visitation of certain assigned Congregations within the London Presbytery, beg now respectfully to report summarily the following facts—leaving in the hands of the Home Mission Committee fuller details of information obtained in answer to the successive printed questions of a circular with which they were furnished, and which they found extremely helpful.

1. By invitation we attended a meeting of the London Presbytery on Tuesday evening, October 6, 1885, at which the Deputies present and absent were commended to God by prayer and the right hand of fellowship extended to them by the Moderator.

2. *Bermondsey*.—On the same evening (accompanied by the Rev. William Martin, of Forest Hill, *interim Moderator*) we proceeded to Bermondsey. We arrived whilst a Congregational tea-meeting was going on in connection with the commencement of the labours among them of a senior student of our College. Retiring to the vestry, we met with a full representation of the Elders and Managers, and have to state that, as throughout, the printed questions were severally put and answered with all frankness and detail. The impression left upon us was—

- (1) That in Bermondsey there is a noble field for Christian work, so much so that Presbyterianism will stultify itself if it do not succeed there.
- (2) That an urgent need is for some strong, and generous, and patient Congregation starting Bermondsey *de novo* as its own Mission Church, and by men and means standing by it for a few years.
- (3) That there are indications of a nucleus of earnest Christian people who would be useful workers if properly backed up.
- (4) That now is a critical time, and if not supported Presbyterianism in Bermondsey is certain to go down, whereas supported it is as certain to prosper.

We feel bound to add that while the advent of the student missionary had evidently rekindled hope and stirred the people, the Elders and Managers were unanimous in expressing a sense of isolation and need of kindly sympathy from the Presbytery.

3. *Greenwich*.—On 7th met first with the Minister and a few of the Elders and Deacons, and thereafter with seventy people in the Church. It was found that two main things had told and were continuing to tell against this Congregation:—

- (1) The population to be drawn on had been diminishing over thirteen years.
- (2) Two Congregations, viz., Blackheath and Brockley, had hived from it.

It was reported that for three winter months of the last year the Sunday evenings had been given up by the Congregation to Evangelistic services which had brought together an average audience of 500, many being working men and women. The ordinary attendance in the morning was stated to be from 350 to 400; in the evening, 250—morning and evening audiences being different. The number of sittings provided in the fine Church is 900. The Deputies tried to stir up and cheer to more aggressive, systematic going among the people, and to more workers rallying round the Minister.

4. *Blackheath*.—On 8th met first with the Minister and two Elders, and subsequently with nearly forty of the Congregation. The chief lack of this young Congregation appeared to be a sufficient number of zealous workers; and it was expressed again and again that the mere lecture hall, instead of the intended Church proper, retarded their growth. The Minister said he was 'encouraged.' The Deputies sought to excite to 'higher attainments.'

5. *Wallington*.—On 9th visited this other young Congregation. There were present the Minister and eight Elders and Managers. The Deputies were much gladdened with the evidences given of quickened spiritual life and hopefulness in the district, and gratified with an announcement that a new Church had just been decided on in place of the present iron one. At the after-Congregational meeting fully sixty were present. It was a very satisfying meeting. The Deputies specially encouraged the friends to carry out their purpose of holding a week of Evangelistic services immediately. Wallington is alive, and a bright future (by God's blessing) before it.

6. *Croydon*.—On Sunday morning, 11th, Dr. Grosart conducted the service at Croydon, and in the evening at *Upper Norwood*. The Congregations were fairly good in each case. On the same day Mr. Matheson did like duty at Bermondsey in the forenoon, and at Greenwich in the evening, both Congregations being very attentive.

7. *Croydon*.—On 12th revisited Croydon. Met first with the Minister, five Elders, and six Deacons. Afterwards held a Congregational meeting at which nearly sixty were present. The Deputies endeavoured to rouse this Congregation to thorough earnestness and systematic effort toward fulfilling the Lord's charge, 'that My house may be filled.' The population was found to be large and accessible; and union and fervour and system in Christian work could hardly fail to make this a strong and influential Congregation and Sunday School. Good work has been done, and it only needs to be followed up prayerfully and actively.

8. *Upper Norwood*.—On 13th proceeded to this Church. As usual we met first the Minister and a large representation of the Session and other office-bearers. Thereafter at a Congregational meeting about ninety were present. The Deputies' addresses at the latter were followed up by 'good words' and grateful, from various of the friends present. It was a hallowed and stimulating meeting. Whilst there are manifest tokens of spiritual and financial prosperity the Deputies felt that it is much to be desired that larger audiences waited on such a Ministry as is that of Upper Norwood.

9. *Forest Hill*.—On 14th the preliminary meeting was attended by the Minister, five Elders, and nine Managers. About seventy attended at the Con-

gregational meeting. The Minister's judgment was that the Congregation was more prosperous financially than spiritually. But the prevailing feeling was one of hopefulness and encouragement. There is still ample room in the noble Church for large additions to the membership and adherents.

10. *Camberwell*.—On 15th the meeting with the office-bearers consisted of the Minister, two Elders, and three Deacons. At the Congregational meeting about ninety were present. The growth of this Church has been steady, and promises increased power in the community. Many gratifying statements were received of the attendance on ordinances and manifestations of spiritual life.

11. *Brockley*.—On 16th, at the first meeting, there were present, besides the Minister, four Elders and one Deacon. At the Congregational meeting nearly fifty attended. The Deputies addressed the meeting on spiritual power being added to organisation. This is a splendid field, and may be expected to develop into a large and influential Congregation. The ordinary audiences are still very far short of the accommodation provided. The heavy financial indebtedness may hinder growth.

12. On Sunday, 18th, Dr. Grosart preached at *Forest Hill* to a well-filled Church, and in the evening at *Camberwell* crowded to excess. Mr. Matheson conducted forenoon service at Blackheath, where the lecture-hall was fairly well attended. In the evening at Brockley the Minister took the service, and Mr. Matheson said a few words at the close.

Reviewing the whole visitation—including a not very satisfactory (so-called) Conference in Clapham Church on 19th (for which the united Deputies were specially urged to remain), whereat only the Ministers of Forest Hill, Tooting, and Wallington were present, besides Dr. McEwan, chairman*—these seven points seem to demand statement and record:—

1. The Deputies were invariably well received, and had the conviction that Congregations value such interest shown in them.

2. The Congregations as a whole seem very much isolated and independent, and closer fellowship would do good.

3. The average attendance (except in one instance) is far from being up to the mark of reasonable expectation, with every allowance for 'expansion' originally contemplated in erecting the Church fabrics.

4. Individual Congregations seem mainly preoccupied with themselves, and know little of what their sister Congregations are doing.

5. There is general lack of intimate knowledge of 'the people' outside of the Churches and Sunday Schools, and more workers are urgently needed.

6. A higher standard of spiritual life is desirable and should be cultivated.

7. The aggregate audiences at the Deputies' meetings have been most inadequate, as the figures will show.

It remains to be added that *Rangoon* and *Singapore* were addressed by letter, and that answers have been received from both. The correspondence has been sent to the Home Mission Committee. The Deputies venture earnestly to suggest that the Presbytery hold frequent communication with the Churches in these far-off stations. It is necessary on many

* Since the above was put in type, it has been ascertained that the Ministers of Kingston and Richmond, with two or three Elders from the congregations visited, were also present.

grounds, and might easily be done on some methodical plan. In both cases the excellent Ministers are left very much alone; that is to say, the Presbyterians of neither Congregation sufficiently co-operate with the Minister in the varied work of a Christian Church.

ALEX. B. GROSART.
THOMAS MATHESON.

FOURTH GROUP.

Visited by Rev. S. R. MACPHAIL, of Liverpool, and Mr. W. S. WILKINSON, Elder, of Morpeth, from October 6 to 16, 1885.

The visitation of a portion of South London assigned to us was found in most instances very agreeable and refreshing work. A better opportunity for expressing the general impression of our consultation together at the close of the visitation was felt to be a decided want. Much that might be said with advantage at a Conference of those cordially interested would be highly improper in a public report. We give below the general features of our visitation.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—We began our work at Kingston on 7th October, meeting with the Minister and six office-bearers. This Church is situated in the midst of a villa population, much visited on the Lord's day from London, and, being connected with horse-racing, gambling abounds to a large extent. Though the temperance cause is well maintained, over a hundred public-houses are known to be open. In a Blue Ribbon movement 4,500 pledged themselves. There is Church accommodation for about one-third of the population—the half of which is provided by the Church of England. Perhaps the half of the sittings are occupied. There seems considerable activity of a general kind in promoting spiritual life; the Evangelistic Association and the Y. M. C. Association taking a leading place.

A Presbyterian Congregation was originally formed here in 1662, which existed for 100 years, when it became Congregational. The present Congregation was formed in 1874, and they have recently erected a new place of worship, as yet without any hall attached. Consequently the Sunday School (120 scholars and 13 teachers) meets in a separate place at some distance, which is a decided disadvantage for organic unity. The membership is 106, the roll being kept and purged in the ordinary way. The Sabbath attendance is greatest in the morning, when about 120 attend. Visitation is carried on beyond what would be possible in a large Congregation, and the Minister conducts a senior class in the school, besides examining monthly on the lessons. The class has done good work under the Higher Instruction scheme. About one-fifth of the members attend the weekly service. Several take part in a Dorcas Society, some in tract distribution. About one-half of this Congregation are English, and the office-bearers are also similarly divided. In addition to a meeting with the Congregation, at which about 40 were present, an opportunity was enjoyed of preaching to about 140 persons on the Lord's day, and also of visiting and addressing the Sabbath School. An interesting class was found in the Minister's house, taught by his wife. An earnest and active ministry is evidently carried on here, and with more encouragement and facilities for effective operation and consolidation of work, a strong and healthy centre of Christian influence will no doubt be found in the newly-erected and attractive Church. While the general interest might perhaps be improved, we encountered some very true and eager spirits both within and outside the official circle.

WIMBLEDON.—Wimbledon Congregation we found in a formative condition, meeting at present in the Drill Hall. The population is about 20,000 villa and working class—chiefly the former. The quiet of the Sabbath and the absence of many public temptations which we found abounding in other suburbs, render this neighbourhood an encouraging sphere for Christian effort. There is Church accommodation for about one-third of the population, and it is fairly well used. Evangelistic work is extensively and successfully conducted at Wimbledon. The Congregation here (which is English to the extent of one-half) was begun in 1883, and the present membership is about forty-two. The attendance on the Lord's day is about seventy. We found an election of office-bearers proceeding, and movements were being prosecuted for securing a Minister. A small Sunday School with six classes is now conducted. The meeting with the Deputies was attended by about thirty, when a preparation service for Communion was held. The reception given was very hearty, and much compactness of feeling and considerable hopefulness were displayed. A little more practical recognition and interest were desiderated on the part of the Presbytery. On the Lord's day, in connection with the Communion Service, one of the Deputies had the privilege of addressing the Congregation.

RICHMOND.—We met with five office-bearers in the hall (seated for 150) of this new and attractive Church, which is seated for 500. The surrounding population is of the better-class villa occupiers. Boatbuilding seems almost the only industry carried on in the town. The quiet of the Lord's day is very much invaded by visitors, while the resident population are generally observant of the day for public worship. The Blue Ribbon movement is here conducted with much energy. There are twelve regular places of worship, besides meeting-houses. Of the former, five belong to the Church of England, and are very well attended. About half the population would find accommodation in the Churches provided, and on an average rather more than half of each place of worship is regularly occupied. The London City Mission has three good agencies in Richmond. The Congregation here began under the ministry of the present Pastor. It was made a preaching station in 1876, and the Minister was ordained in 1879. The present membership is about one hundred, the Sabbath attendance being about 200 in the morning and 120 in the evening. An afternoon service by the Minister has hitherto drawn the children together—about sixty attend; but since the completion of the Church a Sabbath School is in contemplation. This Congregation is very well organised, and carries on much varied work. The office-bearers seem to take a deep and energetic interest in all parts of the field occupied, and at the weekly service all of them take part. It is somewhat singular that while half the Congregation are English, all the office-bearers are Scotchmen. The greatest encouragement mentioned was found in personal dealing with those who were candidates for Church membership. The Deputies met with the Congregation in the Church, when about fifty attended, and one of us preached on the Sabbath evening to an attentive audience. The praise in this Congregation is a strong feature in the service. The general impression left is that strong and effective work is done here, and that with the increased opportunity offered by the new Church a prosperous and united career of Christian influence is before this people, their office-bearers, and their Minister.

TOOTING.—In visiting this Congregation, which has no Session of its own, one of us preached on the Lord's day, previous to the meeting for Conference. The result was that, while the membership is only 40, we had an audience at the Conference of more than that number. The history of this Church reaches back to 1686, and was founded by Defoe. The facts

connected with its present relation to our Church are too well known to require any mention here. We found Dr. Anderson and his people full of enthusiastic Presbyterian ardour, while the tone of the meeting was worthy of the near neighbourhood of Thomas Goodwin's pulpit, which stands in a corner of the hall.

Much of the work of this Congregation falls on the Minister, who seems interested in all phases of Church life and activity. The full impression of all his labour is, however, greatly retarded by the present unsettled state of the questions raised relating to the property of the Church.

There appears much room for a vigorous temperance movement in the town, and a more pronounced testimony seems desirable against other forms of moral and spiritual deterioration which have considerable place among sections of the community. Tooting has six places of worship, seated for about 1,400, and occupied by about 800 of a population of 5,000. The praise service receives considerable attention in this Congregation.

STREATHAM.—This Congregation was without a Minister at the time of our visit, but commissioners were about to proceed to Maybole to prosecute a call on the morrow after our meeting for Conference. The meetings with office-bearers and people were ably and heartily presided over by Elders of the Congregation. The locality of this Church is in the midst of a large and increasing villa and trading population. The general tone of morals and religious observances is high in this rising suburb, which possesses fifteen places of worship, seated for perhaps 8,000. Various forms of special Gospel enterprise are engaged in from time to time by Churches and societies. The Congregation at Streatham was begun by Mr. Blackwood in his own house. Subsequently a hall was erected, still used for Mission work, and in 1874 the Presbyterian Church sanctioned Streatham as a charge. The Congregation was found in a very healthy, vigorous, and hopeful state. The Sabbath School has become too large for the hall, which holds 200. The membership of the Church is 159, and the Sabbath attendances, which are singularly equal morning and evening, are about the same as the membership. There is a morning service for children in the hall, attended by about seventy-five. The weekly prayer meeting is attended by about thirty—all the office-bearers take part at the meeting. We found various agencies in a flourishing condition, and a Bible-woman devotes her time to the Mission. Occasional Evangelistic services have been found somewhat fruitful, and the senior Bible classes conducted by one of the Elders, and by the late Minister's wife, have been a great strength to the Church, and productive of very considerable spiritual results. Very good work has been done in connection with Higher Instruction examinations. The musical development in this Congregation is very satisfactory and progressive. None of the Churches visited by us has such a large proportion of English members, and the same is true of the office-bearers also. Notwithstanding the vacancy, the Congregation has continued to grow, and every department of work goes on with remarkable energy. There were about eighty present at the Conference, which was very hearty, and subsequently on the Lord's day a large Congregation gave an encouraging hearing to the Gospel message. It was the privilege of the Deputy then preaching to announce that the Minister desired by the Congregation had signified his intention of accepting their call. Doubtless, under this ministry, this Congregation, so high-toned, united, and hearty, will do increasingly valuable work in this important suburb.

CLAPHAM ROAD.—The Deputies met 23 office-bearers of this Church along with the Minister. There were present in the number specified eight members of the Mission Board. The Congregation is drawn from a very wide

area in and around London. There is nothing special to record regarding the surrounding population or the temptations to careless and reckless living. Most of the great Christian agencies so well known in London have posts in the neighbourhood. This Congregation, with its Missions, has a membership of upwards of a thousand. The Sabbath morning attendance equals that number, while in the evening not more than 500 attend. When the Deputy preached on the Sabbath forenoon fully the number mentioned must have been present, and all gave as interested and earnest attention as any preacher could desire. The praise occupied a very special place in the service, and is evidently carefully cultivated. The Elders in this Congregation visit their districts quarterly and send in reports, by which the roll is kept in perfect adjustment. A large amount of work is done among the young, for whom a week-day service has been conducted for the past ten years by the Minister. There is also a portion for them each Lord's day. It is a noteworthy feature in the Sabbath Schools that half the teachers have risen from the ranks of scholars in the same schools. The Congregation conducts *two* Missions, expending £1,000 annually on these labours of Christian devotion. It was felt that had the questions, proposed by the Deputies, been previously before the office-bearers, more full and definite answers might have been given to various queries. The printed report of the Congregation, which was handed to us, contains all the most important facts connected with the varied activity of this strong and aggressive Congregation. It was brought out in conversation, and subsequently more fully in an extracted historical mention of the Congregation, that this Church is the outcome of an effort at Church extension by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church. It was opened as a station in 1861, by Dr. Macfarlane, of Glasgow. The first Communion roll consisted of 17 members. These obtained a Minister early in the following year, and ere its close their Church (seated for 1,200) was opened by Dr. Eadie, of Glasgow, and Dr. Chalmers, of London. The first Minister, Dr. Macfarlane, died in 1874, and the present Minister was inducted in 1875. There is connected with the Church edifice a very complete suite of rooms, in which the various activities of the Congregation find ample and comfortable accommodation. The Conference meeting with the Congregation, held in a large hall seated for 400, was attended by about 80 members, whom both Deputies addressed, in reference to the facts ascertained from the office-bearers, and generally upon Christian life and work. It was a disappointment not to find it convenient to visit either of the Missions, one of which has a Sunday School with an average attendance of 500 scholars. The Congregational Sunday School is also large, having an average attendance of 350 scholars and 34 teachers. There are few more striking results in Church progress than is afforded by the twenty-four years of the history of this Congregation, which seems to-day as remarkably compact and zealous of good works as ever.

WANDSWORTH.—As usual, our first meeting was with the office-bearers, eight of whom, with the Minister, received us in the Session House. The population of Wandsworth, reaching 20,000, is very mixed. The moral condition is generally satisfactory, and the fifteen places of worship in the vicinity have about 9,000 sittings. The Churches of England are best filled, the others being about half occupied. Spasmodic Christian effort has effected very little in this neighbourhood. This Congregation was formed in 1871 and sanctioned in 1872. The present membership is 200, and the Church attendance rather in excess of that number. The weekly service is thought to be satisfactorily attended, and the office-bearers take part in its conduct. A Band of Hope is found among the Church agencies, also a Ladies' Association for Dorcas and Foreign Mission work.

A Probationer has recently been engaged for Mission work. Much is expected from this new departure.

In connection with the Sunday School, which has an average attendance of 160, interesting lectures are given from time to time on Mission and other subjects. One of the scholars of this school is in training for the ministry. A flower show of home-grown plants has proved an encouragement to many of the scholars. The Young Men's Society seems flourishing and increasing in stability. Sabbath afternoon addresses to men form a feature of the activity of this Congregation. The Minister addresses the young for a quarter of an hour every alternate Sabbath. About one-third of this Congregation and four of the six Elders are English. At the meeting with the Congregation about fifty were present." Several special praise pieces were played on a beautiful organ recently erected in the Church. The Deputies received a warm welcome from office-bearers and people at each meeting. One of us had also the opportunity of addressing the Congregation on the Lord's day morning, and the Sabbath School in the afternoon.

PUTNEY.—This is the last of the Congregations visited by us. There is no Congregational Session, but five Managers have been selected by the members. The Church stands in the centre of a scattered population of about 3,000, within the radius of one mile. The locality is almost entirely occupied by a villa population. Temperance work is very energetically carried on in this neighbourhood, and a Working Men's Club has grown out of a Blue Ribbon movement. The London City Mission conducts operations to some extent in the locality. The Church now occupied by this Congregation was originally a private Chapel, connected with the Baptists. It was purchased by the London Presbytery in 1879, after consulting the Congregation and having their consent. Soon after this they called the present Minister. The membership is 70, and the Sabbath attendances 130 and 60. The week-day service takes the form of a Bible study, and is attended by about 20. While not many separate Congregational agencies are carried on, yet the members and office-bearers are generally actively engaged in good work conducted on a broader basis. A Servants' Bible Class of 35 is a striking feature of the work accomplished, while another lady member has a policemen's class, which embraces 18 out of a staff of 40; this class also is most encouraging. Home Bible Readings are held as opportunity occurs, and the young men have a vigorous Literary and Fellowship Association. While there is no Sunday School it is believed that the young are amply cared for, and those members who might be expected to engage in this work are so occupied in schools in the vicinity. The Congregation is for the most part English. The Deputies met with about 30, and had very pleasant fellowship, the Presbytery Elder, four Managers, as well as the Minister, giving us a most cordial and fraternal welcome. One of us had the privilege of conducting service on the Lord's day evening.

S. R. MACPHAIL.
W. S. WILKINSON.

IV.
REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.				<i>Station.</i>
* Rev.	George Smith, M.A.	... ..	arrived in China, 1857.	Swatow.
"	W. S. Swanson...	... ..	" 1860.	Amoy.
"	H. L. Mackenzie, M.A.	... ..	" 1860.	Swatow.
* "	W. Macgregor, M.A.	... ..	" 1864.	Amoy.
* "	William Duffus ...	... ..	" 1869.	Swatow.
"	William Campbell	... ..	" 1871.	Formosa.
"	John C. Gibson, M.A.	... ..	" 1874.	Swatow.
"	Thomas Barclay, M.A.	... ..	" 1874.	Formosa.
"	Henry Thompson	... ..	" 1877.	Amoy.
* "	Donald MacIver, M.A.	... ..	" 1879.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
"	John Watson, M.A.	... ..	" 1880.	Amoy.
"	William Thow, M.A.	... ..	" 1880.	Formosa.
"	J. A. B. Cook ...	... ..	" 1881.	Singapore.
"	A. L. MacLeish, M.A., M.B.	... ..	" 1881.	Amoy.
* "	Wm. Riddel, M.A., M.B.	... ..	" 1881.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
"	W. R. Thompson, B.A.	... ..	" 1882.	Formosa.

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

Peter Anderson, L.R.C.S. and P., Ed...	arrived in China, 1878.	Formosa.
* Alexander Lyall, M.B., C.M.	" 1879.	Swatow.
David Grant, M.B., C.M.	" 1880.	Amoy.
* John F. McPhun, M.B., C.M.	" 1882.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
Philip B. Cousland, M.B., Ed...	" 1883.	Chao- chow-foo.
Dr. John Lang	" 1885.	Formosa.

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

Mr. William Paton	... ..	arrived in China, 1881.	Swatow.
Mr. George Ede	... ..	" 1883.	Formosa.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MISSIONARIES.

Miss C. M. Ricketts	... ..	arrived in China, 1878.	Swatow.
Miss Georgina MacLagan	... ..	" 1882.	Amoy.

* Salary paid by the Auxiliary Association in Scotland.

Miss Caroline Mann	...	...	...	arrived in China, 1883.	Swatow.
Miss E. Black	...	...	...	"	1885.
Miss Jessie Johnston	...	...	...	"	1885. Amoy.
Miss Annie Butler	...	...	...	"	" Formosa.
Miss E. Stuart	...	...	...	"	" "

NATIVE EVANGELISTS.—30 at Amoy, 12 at Swatow, and 31 at Formosa.

STUDENTS.—11 at Amoy, 22 at Swatow, 9 in Hak-ka country,
and 13 at Formosa.

STATIONS.

DISTRICT OF AMOY.

Eight Stations organised as Churches—viz., E-mung-kang, Peehnia, Bay-pay, Khiboey, Liong-bun-si, Anhai, Kio-lai, and Chin-chew.
Twenty-five Stations not yet organised as Churches—Yu-boey-kio, Peh-chioh, Koan-jim, Koan-kio, Aw-sai, Liong-kay, Liong-nia, Siong-see, Tin-hai, Phu-kiang, Tung-kio, Ta-ying, Kang-khau, Gaw-chay, Pan-to, Aw-pow, Sian-oan, Chang-poo, Khoe-a-bay, Kak-chioh, Ban-an, Tang-chioh, Tang-pi, Chim-ho, and Liok-go.

DISTRICT OF SWATOW.

Seven Hok-lo Stations organised as Churches—viz., Swatow, Yam-tsau, Phu-soa, Chia-na, Kia-kang, Mi-ow, and Sin-hü.
Fourteen Hok-lo Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Chao-chow-foo, Ung-kng, Tat-hau-pow, Chao-yang, Toa-na, Kong-pheng, Pang-khau, Kieh-yang, Kway-tham, Na-thau, Sna-mng-sia, Au-kang, Tsau-phou, Tong-kung, Gu-kak-ti, and Sin-lion.
Three organised Hak-ka Congregations—viz., Ngo-hun-tang, Ho-pho, and Ng-kang-phu.
Six Hak-ka Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Foi-tshai, Shong-sa, Lo-hai, Ho-thyen, Sin-thyen, Thong-hang-shui, and Thai-pu.

ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

Tai-wan District—One Station amongst Chinese, viz., Taiwanfoo.
Four Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Bak-sa, Kam-a-na, Kong-a-na, and Poah-bay.
Hong-soa District—Twelve Stations amongst Chinese—viz., Pi-thau, Ta-kao, Tang-kang, Tek-a-kha, Taw-kun-eng, A-kau, A-li-kang, Iam-paw, Ka-la-paw, Kio-a-thau, Lau-chhu-tsng, and Lombay Island.
One Station amongst the Hak-ka Chinese—viz., Lam-gan.
Ka-gi District—One Station amongst Chinese—viz., Ka-gi.
Four Stations amongst Pe-po Hoan—viz., Giam-cheng, Ka-poa-soa, Thau-sia, and Hoan-a-chhan.
Chiang-hoa District—Five Stations amongst the Sek-hoan—viz., Toa-sia, Aw-gu-lan, Toa-lam, Gu-khun-soa, and Paw-sia city.
East Coast—Three Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Chim-kong-o, Tak-kai, and Chioh-pai.

SINGAPORE.

Three Stations—Bukit Timah, Pongul, and Hong-lim-chhi.

Forty years have now fully passed since what was then the 'Presbyterian Church in England' chose the Empire of China as the field for the

operation of its Foreign Mission. The close of four decades of this mission history seems to your Committee to be a fitting time for reviewing its past, and again bringing prominently before the Church the remarkable blessing with which the Lord has followed all this work, the method under which it has been carried on, its present most interesting condition, the prospect before us in the altered circumstances of the Chinese Empire, and the responsibility and privilege to which we are now called. The point we have reached is critical, well fitted for such a review, and for renewed loyalty, devotion, and self-denial.

Your first Missionary went to China nearly forty years ago. The Committee had, before he offered, been obliged for more than a year prayerfully to wait for an agent, and the Rev. W. C. Burns was the answer given. He landed at Hong-Kong, which had, a few years before, been made a British Colony. He afterwards proceeded to Canton, which with other four sea-ports were the only parts of the Empire then open to the Missionaries. Christianity was at that time hardly visible in the Chinese Empire, except in the persons of the Missionaries. Their operations were most rigidly confined to the open ports and a few miles beyond them. Outside these strict limits the preacher of the Gospel hardly ever went; and, as our first Missionary found out, when these limits were transgressed, the native authorities arrested him at once, and sent him back to the nearest open port. The area of sowing was extremely limited, and reaping-time seemed to lie away in the immeasurable distance. Shanghai, really in mid-China, was the limit on the North. Approach nearer than that to the governing centre was rigidly forbidden and jealously guarded. With sullen and ill-concealed disgust the Chinese Government yielded only to force. Their Empire had been during all its long past hermetically sealed against the Western. His progress eastwards had been noted; and at first, with arrogance and scorn, his approach to China was spurned; and this policy only gave way when the logic of superior force compelled it to do so. The exclusive spirit and policy were still there, and not an atom of progress in the way of penetrating the Empire was made till the shock of the next collision forced the Chinese rulers to open a few more ports, and to make free to Westerns the magnificent waterways of the Yang-tsze.

In a few years after his arrival, our first Missionary found himself, by God's providential leading, at Amoy, one of the five open ports. Our Mission work had now a location; and for the last five-and-thirty years the name of this, our earliest station, has been almost a household word in our own Church and in Scotland. Here, the coast-line was pierced and *inland* work was begun. Mr. Burns with two or three warm-hearted and zealous native Christians recently brought to a knowledge of the truth, were among the first to storm the breach and penetrate beyond the ports. Amongst the industrious farming people of inland towns and villages, and away from the roughness and bustle and vice of the commercial sea-ports, was found a wonderfully congenial soil for the Gospel seed. True to its early traditions, and on the lines then laid down, the Mission of this Church has always found its field away from the ports. Seeking onward and inland, it has ever been and still is. Such a field demands no ordinary amount of labour on the part of its

agents. Long and toilsome journeyings by land and water, privations and difficulties, burning heat and raging storm, are only a few of those things that necessarily accompany such work. A review of the letters sent home by our Missionaries will furnish few, if any, details of such trials. They have ever maintained a most strict and unusual reticence regarding them; but the Committee and the Church know them. The wonder is that more of our men do not break down under such a severe strain. And the Church must remember that labour like this, surpassed by that of no Mission, must ultimately tell on the physical powers of your agents. The *inland* work in this part of China was then first begun when Mr. Burns and his companions broke ground in the village of Pechuia, some twenty miles distant from Amoy. The wonderful future of this field they could not then forecast. But a rich blessing marked the inception, for the power of God's Spirit was remarkably seen in this village; and a work of grace permanent and fruitful was the result of this, the earliest inland labour. It seemed as if the Master by this initial blessing wished to cheer His servants, and to point to them the sphere their operations should take. The initiative thus set has been followed all through the subsequent course of the work; not only by this Mission, but also by the other Missionary bodies working throughout the Empire.

The principle underlying this action was that the Mission should be carried on from a *fixed centre*, this centre always a place of prime importance, and working out from this centre its operations should gradually proceed by steady, well-organised and persistent action over as much of the surrounding country as could possibly be reached. To the first Missionaries sent out this principle seemed that which could best accomplish the end desired, because it suited the conditions of the people of China and adapted itself to the necessary requirements of an advancing cause. In the first instance the work was purely and simply evangelistic. The next step was the baptising of native converts, the gathering of them in their several districts into congregations, and the providing of Christian privileges for these small Christian communities.

Then there arose the important question of *Native Agency*. At the beginning the most zealous, and apparently best equipped men among the natives themselves, were appointed to this important department. The most meagre training was all that could then be given to such men. And yet among them there were not a few who were men of mark and force, and who did a noble work when we think of what they were and the difficulties with which they had to contend. Your Committee has encouraged from the very outset their agents in what is the outstanding feature of this Mission, the developing and fostering, to the utmost of their power, of a native Church. They realised and fully approved what has ever been the prevailing idea in all their operations—the planting of a Church in China that was to be really and truly Chinese—not an exotic, but a Church of Christ, Chinese in worship, discipline, and government. And when the first attempts at training a native agency were made in Amoy, they heartily encouraged and supported the brethren in initiating such work. The prominence given to this department at the very beginning arises from the absolute

necessities of the situation. In the equipping and managing of this native agency your Missionaries have found a principal part of their work. To these native agents and to the realness and efficiency of their work the success of this Mission is mainly owing. They are thoroughly acquainted with their own countrymen's modes of thinking and living, and have an insight into the motives, ideas, and life of those who profess any interest in Christ, which even the most experienced Missionary can hardly be expected to possess. And experience has proved that the most conscientious, thorough and telling work is always got from earnest Christian men who have got the best educational furnishing that could be given them. To preach the Gospel in China and to present and defend it as it must be presented and defended amongst a quick-witted and very practical people, who are always ready to find out and make for the weak points in the preacher's armour, requires men of real spiritual life, good intellectual powers, and competent theological furnishing. This work of training was begun by Dr. Douglas at Amoy, at first necessarily in a very small way; but gradually it has been wonderfully developed and fostered until the colleges at all our centres are sending out men who, in addition to the first of all requisites—a warm and earnest piety—are educated and trained for the great and important sphere of spreading Gospel light and knowledge.

Almost simultaneously with the above great want another lack was felt. In China, from the earliest times, a great value has been set on *Education*. But while this is so, the common education of the country is of the most miserable kind. It consists almost entirely of the constant repeating *memoriter* of the wonderfully sapless Chinese classics; and the mind of the pupil instead of being opened is cramped and virtually crushed. In addition to this these schools are heathen to the core; and it was felt from the beginning that a Christian school education was an absolute necessity if the growing Church was to have any solid or permanent standing in the country. And the best and most intelligent of the native Christians are increasingly anxious to be free from the necessity of sending their children to the heathen schools, and to secure for them a sound Christian education. Congregational day-schools were established so far as the Mission had power to do so. But from the outset, and on till the present day, the Missionaries had to contend with the great difficulty of the want of properly trained teachers. The very growth of the Church stands in the way of this want being supplied. There is such a demand for pastors and preachers that the best men—all of them, and more than can be got—are required to meet it. And these are in some cases the very men that could most fitly be trained for the post of school-teachers. In more than one of the Reports from our several centres, the great want is described to be a sufficient number of men to act as preachers, and then a sufficient number of men to act as school-teachers. To meet this call, your Committee have already sent out two missionary teachers who are now located at two of the centres. It has also to be stated under this head that a laudable effort has been made on the part of the Chinese Christians to help in the support of these Christian schools. They can do more than they have yet done in this way, and it is confidently

expected they will do more if satisfactory arrangements can be made for establishing a greater number of properly-equipped Congregational schools under competent teachers.

Under this head your Committee record with deepest thankfulness to God what has been done in the matter of *Education of Chinese girls*. This work was begun at Swatow by the Missionaries' wives thirteen years ago, and has ever since been carried on under the same charge and with remarkable results. Amoy some years later began the same work, and now it is carried on at all the centres. It is reckoned that not far short of one hundred young women have gone out from these schools and been married to Christian husbands, and are the mothers of Christian families. Women in China are a great power, and it is almost impossible to estimate the immense force for good that is thus being created in China. The Women's Missionary Association, whose work your Committee value most highly, have through their agents gone most heartily into this department. The fruit already gathered in it has been abundant and precious. It is only the har-binger of a richer harvest yet to come. Such already have been its effects that Chinese parents who in old times seldom gave a passing thought to the education of their girls are now getting their eyes opened to the value of such education, and are prizing it highly. There are more applicants for admission to these girls' schools than their limited space can accommodate. And the ladies are now beginning to insist on parents paying for their girls as their means will admit, a step which could not be taken at the beginning.

The only other point that your Committee have to notice under this head is the establishment of a link between the Theological Colleges and the ordinary Congregational Schools. In these schools were sometimes found promising youths whom, from their character and attainments, the Missionaries would have willingly transferred to the Colleges. But they were too young to be sent there. In other cases young men were admitted to the Colleges whose preliminary education is so scant that a great amount of time has to be spent in giving them elementary instruction. To meet these difficulties *Middle Schools*—intermediate between the ordinary schools and the Theological Colleges—have been established. In them the pupils are required to pay so far as their parents are able to do so; and so they are as nearly self-supporting as the circumstances will permit.

There is another department of Mission work to which your Committee look with great thankfulness and increasing hope. No record of this Mission has been more outstanding than that of its *Medical Missionary work*. This was begun at a date when less was thought or said about Medical Missionary work than is said and thought about it to-day. The London Missionary Society was the first British Mission to cultivate this department in China, and the names of its earliest Medical Missionaries—Hobson, Lockhart, and Hirschberg—are household words in the spheres where they wrought. One American Mission, that of the American Board, was also early operating on this line. Our own Mission followed with its first Medical Missionary in the year 1849. The succession

has been worthy of the noble cause, and the results have been really marvellous. It was speedily seen that a lever of immense force was now in the hands of the Mission. This kind of practical benevolence broke down the prejudices of this exclusive people, thawed their frozen hearts, and proved one of the most powerful evidences of what the Gospel really is, to a proud arrogant people who despised all men and things that came from regions outside of the boundaries of their great 'central kingdom.' The men sent to this work have been real Missionaries, eminent on the Missionary line as well as eminent in their own profession. They commended themselves and their message to the crowds who came to seek healing benefits at their hands. Your Committee cannot attempt to sum up the good that has been done directly to the patients themselves. What it is may be supposed—it cannot be fully told—when it is remembered that in China now there are five fully-equipped hospitals under the charge of this Mission, and that about 20,000 patients are attended to in these every year. Nor is this all. From the patients a large number have already professed their faith in Christ and are members of His Church, for these hospitals have in every true sense been really Missionary Hospitals. But perhaps the most influential result of all has been that this department has been the great factor in opening up the Empire to us and to others. When the history of our Mission comes to be written, it will be surprising to find how many of our Churches are the product of our Medical Mission. Patients from all quarters come to the Hospitals. While there, by God's grace, their minds and hearts have been opened to receive the Gospel. They return to their homes and become heralds of that precious Gospel. The leaven works and a little company gathers. They thirst for more, and the Preacher or Missionary is sent for and visits them. The station is opened and the little one grows, and its further development goes on till the Christian congregation is organised and at its work. Such is in brief the history in many a case. And still further and on another line the benefit from this department is seen and felt. To some hitherto unvisited town or village the Missionary or the native agent in his itinerant work comes. He cannot forecast what his reception may be. His experience of such work makes him wonder little if it is anything but courteous or kind. Suddenly some one who has been treated by the Missionary Doctor comes round, or perhaps the relatives of such make their appearance. The whole aspect changes, and a ready and courteous kindness, begotten of the gratitude for benefit secured, is at once shown. How many such tales have the letters of our Missionaries recorded! And the area of this influence itself is widening, while the influence itself is intensifying. It touches not only the lower and the middle, but as well the governing and upper classes of the country. In instances already recorded we have had the highest officials in the region of our own work in China showing their gratitude and goodwill for this department of our work in most unmistakable and tangible ways. Our Hospitals are now becoming *Medical Schools*, and Christian young men are taught and prepared for medical work in a country where such work is most needed and valued. Many of these show great aptitude for the profession,

and their work cannot but prove an immense boon to their own country and people.

There is still one other method employed, which is fraught with great promise. At Swatow, under Mr. Gibson, and in Formosa, under Mr. Barclay, the agency of *The Press* is most actively used. In the former place work that would be creditable to large printing firms at home has been, and is being, turned out by the Chinese workmen, under Mr. Gibson's superintendence. Formosa is quickly following on in the same track. At both centres a periodical is published, which contains an account of the most interesting Church news and other matter. These papers are pushing their way, and are already becoming a power, not only in the districts where they are published, but beyond these. A number of electros have, at request of your Convener, been most kindly gifted by the Religious Tract Society; and, as soon as possible, these periodicals will be illustrated.

We have now detailed the several methods employed in our field. This detail shows how fully equipped our Mission is in all its departments. This equipment has been the growth of these forty years. It is the result of painstaking labour on the field, and loyalty to the work by the Church at home. Its growth has been gradual and slow, measured by the extension and requirements of the field.

Our first and oldest centre was Amoy. It is now one of four great centres. In order of time Swatow is the next, a centre that dominates a field larger than even the extensive field of Amoy. Then comes Formosa, opened in 1865, covering with its operations half of that magnificent island, where our Missionaries have been and are so largely blessed. The last centre established in China proper is that in the Hak-ka country, to the West of Swatow, and where a vigorous and most successful work is now carried on. And, although not in China, yet closely allied to it, we have work at Singapore, amongst the large Chinese population of that wonderful commercial mart. In China itself, at all our centres, our Mission is fully equipped in each of the departments already named; and the work was never more promising than it is at the present moment.

What its outcome has been will be seen from the statistics appended to this Report. But there are one or two outstanding features which, in a review such as your Committee are now making, must have special prominence.

The first of these to be dealt with is the *Organisation of the Native Church*. Our agents have, from the beginning, felt that the native Church to be stable and aggressive must be organised as well as extended. Congregations, when strong enough, elected their own Elders and Deacons, and carried on their spiritual and temporal affairs in an orderly manner. These native office-bearers were new to the work, but it is remarkable how soon they took to it. On them largely depended the purity of the Church; and discipline in their hands, in the face of the social conditions of China, must be prompt, decisive, and impartial. Many of them have been most worthy occupants of their office, and fewer disappointments and failures have occurred than might

have been expected, when it is remembered what they were, and how new such work was to them. At our several centres we have to thank God for the many most worthy men who have been Elders and Deacons in the native Church.

While this work of Organisation of Congregations was proceeding, our *Colleges* were growing into something worthy of the name, and these two causes together made our agents feel that they must face the question of a native pastorate. In some cases Congregations were ready to assume the responsibility of supporting their own pastors, and the men were coming from our Colleges, who might, when called to it, be set apart to the office. Another step forward must be taken, and the Presbytery of Amoy was created in 1863. Our Missionaries at our oldest centre have ever wrought in heartiest and closest ecclesiastical union with the agents of the American Reformed Church, and when a Presbytery had to be formed it was done in conjunction with these honoured brethren. It is the Presbytery of a native Church, and in it our American brethren and our own agents sit and vote. This *Union of Presbyterian Churches* in the mission-field was for the first time realised at our oldest centre. It has been maintained most closely and warmly without a single hitch, while the bond that binds our agents to our Church remains as strong as ever. Your Committee thank God that they have been honoured by Him to contribute their own happy experience of such union as some aid to the solution of this most important question, which is now engaging the anxious attention of all the Churches of our Order.

Five years ago the Presbytery of Swatow was created, and soon we hope to hear that a similar step has been taken in Formosa.

Already in China we have five native Pastors who are entirely supported by their own congregations, and there is every prospect of a speedy increase of this number.

Your Missionaries have, as already stated, ever kept before them, as the end to be aimed at, the extension of the work through the length and breadth of the regions covered by the dialects they speak. They have always believed and acted on the belief that the best way to attain this end is to work out from centres where the preparatory educational work can be properly attended to, and to plant a native Church, organised, self-supporting, and aggressive. They have developed a system of Christian giving, which has already borne fruit and will furnish more in the future. Their accumulated experience, and their growing insight into the peculiar conditions of their field, make them feel more strongly than ever that, however tempted, they must abide by their methods. The results that have already followed are most wonderful, for in all China there has been no success so great as that in the quarters where our Missionaries are located, if you take into account the force that has been put forth. We share that success with the honoured Churches and Societies that are working side by side with us, and whose methods and ours are identical.

Our churches and stations on the mainland of China are now extended over a tract of country 500 miles in length by 100 to 150

miles in breadth, they cover the Southern and Eastern parts of Formosa, and four stations are found in Singapore and its vicinity, nearly 100 in all. We have over *eighty* native preachers and *fifty* students of theology. We have *sixteen* ordained and seven medical missionaries with *two* missionary teachers, while the Women's Missionary Association of our Church has *seven* agents in the field.

The testimony from all our centres is that the prospects were never brighter than they are now. Our Missionaries write most hopefully. The detailed Reports from the several centres, published in the 'Messenger,' show the progress that has been made during the year. More than 200 adults have been added to the membership, and every other item is a record of progress. The cry that comes from China now is for more *native* labour and for more prayer and sympathy. Our staff is, with the exception of Amoy, as strong as the resources at our disposal will permit; and everything seems ready for a new advance and for still further progress.

And in closing this Report your Committee cannot but draw the attention of the Church to the special circumstances in which we now find ourselves placed. So far as regards our finance the anxiety is by no means lessened. We began our financial year with a heavy balance against us; and although we virtually close with something to our credit, yet this has been effected by exceptional gifts. We had a magnificent donation of £3,000 from Mr. D. P. Wood, of St. John's Wood Congregation, London, who has since entered the heavenly rest; and we had a legacy of £2,500 from the late Mrs. Mackenzie, of Thurso, who, with other members of her family, had for many years been generous contributors to our funds. To our great regret we have to record a decrease in Congregational givings, which may to a large extent be accounted for by the depression that has told all over the country, and has told most heavily on quarters whence a considerable part of our income was derived. Your Committee in the face of this have had to ask the brethren in China to cut down expense to the very lowest point, and they have most loyally done their best to comply with this request. Further increase of staff or expenses cannot be entertained with the means at present at your Committee's disposal. They appeal with confidence through this Synod to the Church to maintain in its efficiency a work so abundantly blessed in the past and so rich in promise for the future.

We have reached a critical point not only in our history as a Mission but that of China itself. In our last annual statement we were deploring the outbreak of war between France and China. The theatre of that conflict was within some parts and very near to other parts of our field. The minds of the people were everywhere disturbed, and panic and excitement prevailed. Our brethren and sisters in Formosa had to flee to the mainland. It was with great reluctance they took this step, and all would have remained most readily if that had been wise. Dr. Anderson and Mr. Thow did remain, and with noble patience did what they could to carry on the work. The war is over, and all our fears have been disappointed. The

members of our Formosa staff are back again, and with good cheer and heart are most busily prosecuting their work. Compensation for injury done during the war in some parts of our Swatow centre has already been made, and quiet prevails. Everywhere over our wide field is heard the voice of hope and heartiness. And not only so, but these political events are forces acting on the whole Chinese empire. We do sincerely hope her Government may not from the result of the French war estimate their own power at a greater value than it really represents. But the days of her exclusiveness are ended, and the wedges are entered which will open up old China. The Missionaries have come with their work to the front in a way we hardly expected. That work is now described as a powerful factor in quarters where once it was despised. We are, as it were, entering on a new era, and with forces stronger and better marshalled than they ever were. We have a native Church spreading and strengthening, a Church that has established at its own cost a mission in regions beyond, and that is also offering to provide and maintain new openings, if we, on our part, can supply preachers to carry on the work. Our Mission has been blessed and honoured in the past. The Lord of Hosts hath been with us, and safely guarded this growing native Church in the midst of trial and persecution and danger; and He will be with us still. Your Committee are persuaded that the Church, having set her hand to this work, will certainly not now turn back; and having regard to all the solidity and healthiness that have marked their Mission in its methods and operations, they confidently commend it to the prayer and sympathy and support of a Church that has so lovingly and loyally maintained it in the past.

In regard to the Missionary staff the following changes fall to be recorded here. One member of that staff was for reasons of health most reluctantly forced to leave the field, our beloved and valued Dr. Maxwell. There being no prospect of his being able to return to China, the Committee were forced to accept his resignation. They are most thankful to state that his large experience and well-known Christian worth and missionary zeal are still preserved to the work so dear to him. He is now acting as secretary and superintendent of the Medical Missionary Society—a position of the highest responsibility and influence, and one for which Dr. Maxwell is specially fitted.

Dr. Lyall, of Swatow, and Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Formosa, have during the year returned on furlough. These brethren, along with Mr. Thompson, of Amoy, have been actively engaged in pleading the cause both in England and Scotland. Before the Report can be laid on your table your Committee expect to welcome, on furlough, their dearly-beloved missionary, the Rev. H. L. Mackenzie, along with his wife, from Swatow. They will be accompanied by the Rev. W. MacIver and his wife from the Hak-ka Mission. Mrs. MacIver has been ordered home by our medical brethren, and her husband must accompany her. Your Committee have assured their dear brother and sister of their deepest sympathy, and their prayer that this return to her native country may be blessed to Mrs. MacIver's complete restoration.

Statistics of Mission for Year 1885.

Centres.	Communicants, to Dec. 31, 1884.	Adults baptised in 1885.	Received to Com- munion, having been baptised in infancy.	Received by Certificate.	Restored to Communion.	Suspended in 1885.	Excommunicated during 1885.	Died in 1885.	Gone elsewhere.	Communicants, Dec. 31, 1885.	Children baptised in 1885.	Total baptised children.	Members under suspension.	Total membership adults and children
Amoy	754	36	8	2	6	5	—	15	11	775	50	550	49	1374
Swatow.....	791	80	7	7	3	12	—	22	3	851	46	286	74	1211
Hak-ka	191	21	—	1	—	7	—	2	1	203	3	63	25	291
Formosa	1317	129	1	2	11	21	—	26	1	1412	108	800	80	2292
Singapore.....	49	10	—	23	—	—	10	2	9	71	4	28	1	100
Totals	3102	276	16	35	20	45	10	67	25	3312	211	1727	229	5268

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Dr. Morison reports that since his return from this country to Rampire Bauleah he has been most busily engaged in arranging for a complete resuming of his most interesting work. This was necessitated by his absence; and with the work of rebuilding, repairing, and re-arranging, his hands have been more than full.

The medical work is efficient and prosperous. There is not as yet any regular hospital accommodation, but a large number of patients are attended to and treated, the total seen during the year being 3,282. It is hoped in future to have a reliable godly catechist, who may assist in the evangelistic work among the patients and follow up the cases to their own homes.

During the months of August and October some time was spent in itinerating work. On these tours a great many books were sold and many patients were seen and treated. In the town of Nattore a visit was paid to the Rajah's palace, where the Doctor and Mrs. Morison were received with great kindness. On this visit the Maharani was treated for some ailments by Dr. Morison.

Three adults and seven children were baptised during the year. Baptism was administered by the Rev. K. S. MacDonald, of the Free Church of Scotland Mission at Calcutta.

A most interesting feature of the work was magic lantern exhibitions in the evening in villages near Rampire Bauleah. These meetings were crowded with men and women.

The Zenana work and that in the girls' schools is most prosperous.

The schools have kept up in number and efficiency. Over one hundred girls, representing three schools, were present at the examination. Full reports of this work are given in the periodical of our 'Women's Missionary Association.'

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by
H. M. MATHESON,
Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 272.]

APPENDIX.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

DURING the year 1885 we have to tell of many mercies. The war between France and China has been brought to an end. The field in Formosa is again open for our workers; and on looking back on the past anxieties there are many tokens that work done in former years is bearing real fruit, and that our friends in China are labouring not only bravely but successfully. We have had the happiness of sending forth three more ladies, Miss Stuart and Miss Butler to Formosa, and Miss Johnston to Amoy. We have had tidings of their safe arrival, also that they have had a warm welcome from the mission circle, in which our Chinese sisters joined.

We are looking forward to having Miss Ricketts among us again, she having left Swatow on February 26. We trust the voyage may do much towards strengthening her after her severe illness. Miss Ricketts has laboured in China for seven years, and her presence there will be much missed, but her friends hope she may return to them, and in the meantime must rejoice that she has been enabled to do so much for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

We give a brief report of work at each of our Mission stations:—

Swatow.—Miss Ricketts having left, Miss Mann and Miss Black are to carry on the work at Swatow. Miss Black, having conquered much of the difficulties of the language, is now quite able to take her share of the work. Mrs. Gibson writes:—

This first month of December is the first month I have complete charge of the school, although last winter I taught in it; I like being among the girls. I have a singing class for them, but it is with the greatest difficulty they can sing the simple scale, the fourth and seventh notes presenting insuperable difficulties; some of them have sweet voices and are fond of it, and delight in getting a new tune. Before I began school work I used to visit the hospitals, and always found the women glad to see me. They are totally ignorant. I used sheets with Bible truths prepared by Miss Ricketts,

and the women liked to be taught to read them. We are looking forward to good being done at the Conference; my nurse, who is a Christian, says that many outsiders have been brought in at such times, and that throughout the Church there is a great desire for a blessing.

Miss Ricketts sends us a long and most interesting report of the work done by the Bible women, which will be found complete in 'Our Sisters in other Lands' for April. There had been nine women trained during two terms for Bible-women. They had been examined by Mr. Smith, Mr. Mackenzie, and Mr. Gibson in Genesis, Exodus, Daniel, Jonah, and Acts i. to xvi., and the examiners were satisfied that the work had been well done. During the last term of the year there were six women reading. Miss Mann was teaching them Romanised, and also an oral lesson on the Gospel of Mark, keeping up their reading of it in Colloquial, and their reading of the hymn-book and catechism. Miss Black also is teaching them, and has worship with them daily. Miss Ricketts writes that she was pleased with one of the Bible-women, Thiam-Ti-Sim (Mrs. Add-brothers):—

She spoke with the greatest ease, tact, and earnestness, introducing a story I had told her about an Indian woman with very good effect, exhorting them to abandon their idolatrous customs. As I listened to her I felt repaid for many monotonous hours of teaching, and my conviction of the usefulness of native agency, when trained and directed, deepened as she continued to speak.

Formosa.—On account of the war, our work was obliged to be stopped for a time, but now we have the happiness of knowing that Miss Stuart and Miss Butler have reached Formosa, and that both are well satisfied with their prospect of useful work, and encouraged by the cordial welcome they received from natives and foreigners. We hope soon to hear that the girls' school has been opened again.

Amoy.—Miss MacLagan has been joined by Miss Johnston. The work in Amoy goes on quietly but progressively. Miss MacLagan writes:—

There have been eleven women in the women's school, some of them paying their own expenses; two of our pastors' wives have been of the number. One of them has learned to read very well and also has gained a good deal of Scripture knowledge. She has now returned to her husband, where we hope she may work among the women. We have had twenty-nine in the girls' school during the year. They have been examined in Scripture, writing, and arithmetic; in this last subject by Mr. McGregor, who has kindly taken a class in arithmetic each week. The girls were also examined by the pastors from Tek-chhiū-kha and Oá-hai in Chinese character. Immediately after, we distributed the prizes to the girls who had obtained most marks.

The *Hak-ka* country.—We are sorry to say that Mrs. MacIver is obliged to return home, so that her help is lost for a time in the Hak-ka country. The girls' school is now completed, and Mrs. Riddel will, we know, carry on the work as far as her time and health permit.

Rampore Bauleah.—We continue to have very encouraging accounts from Rampore Bauleah where Mrs. Morison labours with great

zeal, assisted by Miss Bayly and Miss Symington. They have now also the help of a native assistant, Mrs. Chatterjee, who had been trained in the Free Church Institution, Calcutta. Mrs. Morison writes :—

The work is daily increasing. Mrs. Chatterjee, who is helping in the school, is doing well, and seems a Christian indeed. We have been arranging zenana work for Miss Symington, who can now talk freely ; so we are hoping for great things. We have now six new zenanas opened for instruction, and all ready to pay. There has been a Mahommedan girls' school opened since July, and the results show the necessity, the roll having risen as high as eighty girls. Three daughters of a Mussulman priest had expressed themselves as desirous for work ; we decided to try them ; but it was not long before it proved a mistake, chiefly on account of their unwillingness to receive any training in teaching, or even advice. So the school had to be closed, but it will be opened again on the 15th of December, at the house of a zenana pupil who is willing to take it.

Miss Symington's time has been given principally to school work. She writes :—

In the low caste school fifty-six girls have come under instruction, the elder ones all having learned to read and write, and one has taken the same course as the high caste girls. In the high caste school there has been an average attendance of twenty-five girls. There were Sabbath Schools opened in June, and, although they were met by some opposition, still they have increased in number each time.

In all the schools they are having the blessed truths of the Bible instilled into them. God grant that they may be applied to their hearts by His Holy Spirit !

In all our different Mission stations we receive much help from the wives of our Missionaries, and we desire to express our great appreciation of their services.

With regard to our home work, we have fifteen new associations to record, ten of those being in the Newcastle Presbytery. Altogether we feel satisfied that the interest in our work is taking a firmer hold on our Church ; and we look forward to the time when all our Congregations will testify their interest, by joining us, even although they are unable to contribute largely to our funds. At the same time we would remind those who are able to give that our work is increasing ; so it is needful that these gifts should be greater, that we may go forward, for we fully realise that in China, as in India, there is much work waiting for us to do ; and let us not forget the privilege that is ours, of doing our utmost to spread the knowledge of the love of God and of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

M. J. STEVENSON,
Hon. Sec.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 280.]

V.

REPORT OF THE JEWISH MISSION COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

YOUR Committee have much satisfaction in reporting that the work of the Church's London Mission has been steadily and faithfully carried on by Mr. Meyer, now a veteran in service, and his assistant, Mr. Polan. The value of the varied labours of the latter in aiding and supporting the ministry of the Missionary, with his greater responsibilities, is very heartily recognised by Mr. Meyer, who, in his Report to the Committee, bears emphatic testimony to the diligence and fidelity of his associate and auxiliary. This witness is the more gratifying that Mr. Polan is himself a fruit of the Mission in which he now serves with his father in Christ so faithfully. There has been the utmost harmony between the workers, and by the goodness of God in sustaining the health of both amid many difficult and self-denying labours, the work has been carried on with uninterrupted continuance.

The lines on which the work has proceeded have been the same as in former years, and by description in successive Reports from year to year, these must now be familiar to the mind of the Synod and of the Church. Of primary importance, while also of special difficulty, is the task of visitation and of personal dealing with souls. The Missionary expresses some regret that the time available for this department of service is not greater than other claims permit, but he reports some forty hours weekly as spent by himself and his assistant in visits and resulting conversations. 'A goodly number of houses,' he says, 'are open to us. Sometimes, although rarely, we are received with rudeness, but in most cases we are permitted to deliver our message, and are listened to with respect.' Mr. Meyer, while necessitated, of course, to meet objections, and encounter prejudices, does not rely so much on controversy as on statement of the truth. His experience shows him that silencing a disputant is not equivalent to convincing him, though impression may be produced. From house to house, therefore, our agents strive to preach Christ. Mr. Polan, in addition to domiciliary calls, 'also visits coffee or dining rooms frequented by Jews, and has often there interesting conversations and discussions. He also often addresses the Jews in the streets, and is enabled to testify of Christ.' 'This, however,' we quote from Mr. Meyer's Report, 'requires much wisdom, and is not without danger. Several times he was rudely assailed with blasphemous and insulting words, and even with more tangible things; but the Lord graciously protected him, and he counts it an honour to suffer for Christ's sake.'

Fed by the work of visitation is the resort to the *Reading-room*, which the Missionary speaks of as a most important auxiliary in the work of the Mission. Throughout the year, even during the summer months, he reports that the attendance was good, the room frequently being crowded to inconvenience. 'It is almost entirely,' Mr. Meyer continues, 'under the management of Mr. Polan, and he conducts it with remarkable tact and skill. Everyone that comes in is heartily welcomed; all receive that sympathy, advice, or direction which especially the strangers newly arrived stand in need of, and value so much; to all a word in season about the one thing needful is addressed, and a suitable book or tract put into the hand of everyone. To do so faithfully, and without calling for loud or heated discussions, by which the character of the Reading-room would be destroyed, is not always easy; but Mr. Polan succeeds, on the whole, very well. And so well is it known among the Jews, that people arriving here from abroad soon find their way to it. The comfortable room, the varied periodicals, the books and tracts in English, German, Hebrew, and the "Jargon," the hearty welcome which those who come receive, along with words of sympathy, instruction, and advice, have secured for this branch of our work the grateful acknowledgment of the Jews. It would be greatly missed, I dare say, were the room ever closed, and the Mission would lose its most powerful auxiliary, for it is from the Reading-room chiefly that our inquirers come.'

The number of such inquirers, the Missionary says, was greater than in any preceding year, fifty-nine being on his list of those desiring and receiving special instruction, while there were many other applicants whose names he did not put down, as not sufficiently in earnest. Of the fifty-nine entered on the list two have been baptised after giving evidence of a change of heart; that more have not been received into the fellowship of the Christian Church bespeaks the caution and care with which Mr. Meyer has always acted in the matter of baptisms, guarding against premature administration of the ordinance. He has found recompense for his fidelity in the steadfastness of his converts, with very few exceptions, as he has traced their course for years. It is illustrative of the trials awaiting the Missionary by disappointment, at times, of his best hopes that, after mentioning the two instances of baptism already referred to, he has to add: 'In the case of three others the day of baptism had already been fixed, as their hearts seemed to burn with love to Jesus; at the last moment, however, the family affections, which are very strong with Jews, were wrought upon by their Jewish friends and acquaintances, and they disappeared.' In the case of all the three, however, Mr. Meyer feels confident that they will yet return, or, at least, soon make public profession of their Christian faith. He bases his confident expectation on 'the whole course of their inquiry, the gradual dawn of light, the letters they wrote, the fervour of their prayers,' and other like evidences. He states, further, that eight still remain under instruction, of which number two are very hopeful cases. Their character is thus described: 'One of them, an old man, is fully convinced that Jesus is the Messiah, loves Him, and rejoices in Him; but his faith is not strong enough to make him break through the fetters in which Jewish habits

and connections hold him. The other is a very well-educated young man. He is in deep spiritual distress, and while I am writing this Report I receive from him a letter, of which the following are a few fragments: "I am very poor in spirit; I feel how dreadful it is to be without faith, to be in darkness; I am not able to describe my great misery. I often say to myself, I am lost, a poor sinner lost . . . but when I remember the words which I heard from you I rejoice in the hope that I, too, can be saved. . . . Jesus died for the sins of the whole world, and, of course, for my sins also. When will Jesus, the *only Saviour*, come and dwell in my heart?" Of the remaining forty-six who had been instructed as inquirers, while the most have in various ways withdrawn, Mr. Meyer knows of seven who have been baptised by other Missionaries, nor can he think that in some other cases the effects of instruction given have altogether passed away.

Of the steadfastness and consistent walk of the converts, to which reference has already been made, this is what the Missionary says: 'As to the converts we try to keep up our connection with them, but owing to their being very much scattered it is getting more and more difficult to do so. As in the case of other converts, whether in the Home or Foreign Mission field, there are a few who have left their first love, and gone back to the beggarly elements of the world; but the majority are walking worthy of the high vocation wherewith they have been called, while some are burning and shining lights, bright instances and monuments of the power of the Holy Ghost. Three of them have already completed their pilgrimage through the valley of Baca, and have appeared in the heavenly Zion before the Lord their God, and received the crown of righteousness and glory. We were privileged to stand at their death-beds and be witnesses of their assurance of faith and of their joy. They were such as to impress even unbelievers with the deep conviction of the truth of conversion and of the realities of faith.'

The public meetings which are held in the course of the week—on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday respectively—have been encouragingly attended throughout the year. The proportion of Jews in the audiences has also greatly increased, and the Missionary speaks of their attention as very cheering. He says that 'even the unbelieving among them are impressed with the solemnity of the services, and unconsciously feel something of the power of the Holy Spirit.' The average attendance is on Sunday from forty to fifty, on week day evenings from twenty to thirty.

Another branch of operations helpful to the main work of the Mission is thus described in Mr. Meyer's Report to the Committee: 'As so many of the Jews with whom we come in contact are foreigners (Russians, Poles, Roumanians) who, besides the language of their native country, speak the "Jargon" only, and as in all those languages there exists no Christian literature, it becomes necessary to lead them to the knowledge of English, and to open to them access to our literature. With a view to this, classes for English were held this winter also. The need of them is proved by the fact that seventy-six men were enrolled. Owing, however, to many causes, the attendance cannot be very regular. Those who regularly attended made creditable progress. As the Bible is

the only text-book used, there is always opportunity for saying a word about the one thing needful; and so this class, too, may claim to be recognised as a necessary auxiliary to the Mission.'

By all these references to the various work done in Whitechapel Road, it will be seen that patient, continuous, faithful service is being rendered by our Agents, not without manifest Divine blessing and precious fruit. The full amount of the accruing result, however, only the All-seeing eye can estimate. The conviction produced on the minds of those members of Committee and other friends present at the Annual Meeting of the Mission was one of confidence in the workers, and thankfulness for the measure of success attained. The attendance at the Anniversary gathering, held on November 27 last, was even more than before overflowing, the hall being crowded to inconvenience, although care had been taken to invite only regular attendants on the services of the Mission. The room thronged with an interested and attentive audience, in which the Jewish element predominated, was a cheering and affecting sight. The addresses, especially those in German by Mr. Meyer and one of the visitors, seemed to be thoughtfully appreciated.

Your Committee would now append to the brief excerpts given from the Missionary's Report a more lengthened extract, in which he speaks of the present religious condition of the Jews generally, which will be read with interest. Proposing to say a few words on this subject, he writes:—

I leave out of view the Jews in Morocco and the interior of Africa, in Asiatic Turkey and other parts of Asia, for there Rabbinical Judaism still exists in all its vigour, because the conditions of its life—stagnation and complete isolation—still exist; but even there the first indications of the movement may be discerned, in which the Jews everywhere else find themselves. Wherever the Jews are desiring for, or have obtained, civil and social emancipation, Rabbinical Judaism (and that is the only form of Judaism that we know of since the destruction of Jerusalem; the Karaites have remained a small sect without any influence) has lost the foundation on which it rests, and its final disappearance is a question of time only. Rabbinism is but an attempt to adapt the Mosaic institutions to the altered circumstances after the destruction of the Temple and the loss of their own land, while Christianity is the fulfilment of those institutions. Wherever, therefore, Rabbinism loses its hold, since a simple return to the Mosaic institutions is impossible, some religious system must and will be attempted, which at best will be religious eclecticism only, and which, as it wants the Divine sanction, must in the end lead to religious indifferentism or utter infidelity. That is exactly the position in which we find the so-called 'Reformed' Judaism at present; while the Orthodox or Rabbinical party, everywhere very weak except in Poland, Russia, and Galicia, makes desperate efforts to save out of the shipwreck as much as they can. What unites those two parties are the inherited prejudices against Christ and Christianity; and without using too strong language I might say that the denial of Christ and the confession of the abstract and absolute unity of God are the only points on which the Jews in Central Europe, America, and the Australian Colonies agree.

That such a creed, so negative and vague, cannot have any future is obvious to the believing Christian, yea, to every student of history. It

has been brought home to the Jews themselves by the Anti-Semitic movement. The latter has now ceased in its violent manifestations, but Anti-Semitism still exists, and will continue to exist; and it is now evident to the Jews themselves that a deep chasm is between them and the Christian nations. They, the Jews, are obliged to reconsider their position, and to examine their long-neglected Scriptures; and what will be the result of that cannot be doubtful to him who believes that they testify of Christ. Conversions of some persons prominent among them may be taken as typical and the firstfruits of the great harvest which the Church of Christ is by-and-by to gather in.

The movement led by Joseph Rabinowitz at Kischinew, taking boldly its stand upon the confession that Jesus is the Messiah promised to the fathers, and that in Him alone we have redemption—acknowledging the divinity of His Person and Mission—receiving the New Testament as divinely inspired in the same sense as the Old Testament, and submitting to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the only authority and rule for doctrine and life—has, notwithstanding its inconsistencies, positive ground to stand upon; and will either lead to the establishment of a Judæo-Christian Church or induce great masses of Jews to join some one of the existing Christian Churches.

Such a state of things has, of course, its advantages, but also its disadvantages and drawbacks for the Missionary; and we in our Mission Hall in Whitechapel have felt, and are feeling, them both. We can no more assume that the Jew with whom we come into contact holds certain religious tenets or principles, as was the case twenty or thirty years ago; and the arguments which then were used are no more applicable, for they supposed faith in the Old Testament and the Talmud, which at present is found with but a few Jews. Although they may assail and oppose us with Talmudical weapons, when hard pressed they speedily entrench themselves behind the Old Testament, and from thence will retire to rationalistic and infidel arguments. Every Jew must therefore be taken up on his own ground, must be driven out of all the refuges of lies in which he hides himself. But, however different the position of a Jew, and however different, therefore, our tactics may be, whether more controversial or more apologetical, it is only by the word of God quickened by the Holy Spirit, and by the testimony of Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour, brought home to the heart and conscience by the power of the same Spirit, that the Jew, like the Gentile sinner, can and will be convinced and converted.

On the other hand, that state of things has also its advantages. It is easier now than it was even ten years ago to gain access to the Jews, to get into religious conversation with them, and to present to them the truth as it is in Jesus. Our word may not be accepted at once; it may be trodden under foot in some cases; it may be dormant in others; but it will not be lost altogether. Let but the fructifying rain come from on high, and the fruit will appear at once. It is thus that the Scripture word will be fulfilled, 'The earth shall be made to bring forth in one day, and a nation shall be born at once.'

Your Committee have at length the satisfaction of reporting that a definite and hopeful step has been taken towards the extension of the Mission, by the occupation of a foreign station among the people that are scattered in many lands. To this expansion, for years with approval and sanction of the Synod, your Committee have been earnestly looking, though the way seemed to open somewhat slowly. In our last Report to the Synod of 1885 details were given of inquiries made in regard to

some field in the Holy Land, which, in their issue, seemed to point to Hebron, in the hill country of Judea, as an inviting sphere; but before your Committee had time fully to consider its claims the establishment there of a Medical Mission by a Continental Society decided the question. This closing of the Eastern door revived the interest which had been felt at an earlier period in the dark land of Morocco, computed to contain some 200,000 Jews, with only one Missionary expressly devoted to labour among them, stationed at Mogador. Inquiries were therefore prosecuted in regard to the best locality, in which, among others, your Committee were much aided by Mr. Mackintosh, Agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Tangier, and by General Haig and Mr. Glenny, of the Committee of the Mission to the Berbers or Kabyles of North Africa; and the result was a provisional choice of Rabat and Salee, two towns at the mouth, and on the opposite banks respectively of a river flowing westward into the Atlantic, something like midway between Tangier on the north and Mogador on the south. The final determination, however, of the question of locality may depend on the Report of the Missionary, as the result of personal inspection; and on our submitting to the Synod the selection of this field, the sanction of the Supreme Court was given, and your Committee empowered to look out for and engage a suitable Agent.

The centre of operations being thus forecast, your Committee with prayerful care looked out for a suitable Agent for the work, for some time without success. But, meanwhile, there was in Glasgow a City Missionary, who was completing there, while labouring as an Evangelist, his course of medical study, with the express purpose of offering himself for work in some foreign field. In him, Dr. Robert Kerr, the Committee felt that they had found one who seemed providentially prepared, as a preacher and healer, to answer their quest, and after examination of satisfactory testimonials submitted to them, and personal interview, resolved at their meeting in December to engage him for the work. They authorised their Executive in London to arrange details, which was promptly done, and on February 20 Dr. Kerr sailed for his destination. On the Wednesday evening previously a dedicatory and valedictory service was held in Park Church, Highbury, at which the Missionary was earnestly commended to the grace of God for fulfilment of the ministry to which he had been called. Addresses were given by various friends, and the whole proceedings were stimulating and hopeful. It is interesting to know that similar farewell meetings had already been held in several places in Scotland, evincing regard for the Missionary, and bidding him God-speed on his arduous enterprise.

Several considerations have appeared to your Committee fitted to encourage the Church in this new enterprise. The field is wide, and there is an open door. The Agent whom we have obtained for the work combines Evangelistic with Medical qualifications; his experience fits him at once to teach and to heal, to deal with the souls and with the bodies of men—both diseased. The union of the two Churches bound by federal relations in 1876 has now had actual manifestation in one of the ways contemplated from the first, joint action in the Mission field. The first half-yearly payment of the sum liberally promised by the

United Presbyterian Mission Board has been transmitted to our Financial Secretary. Then the choice of Dr. Kerr as our Missionary, it is satisfactory to know, has approved itself to the sympathetic confidence of that Board, while the manifestation of warm regard for the outgoing labourer in the farewell meetings held in the north warrants the expectation of continued interest in his important work. The earnest prayers of the Church must not be withheld from one who goes forth to a sphere of action as yet untried, and needing courage, prudence, and zeal. And, again, as in last Report, the Committee must appeal, in a spirit of confidence, to the increased liberality of the Church. It served as a cheering omen that on the morning which followed the day on which final arrangements were made for Dr. Kerr's departure, a cheque reached the Convener from a member of one of our Churches for the sum of £100, curiously balancing the exact amount of initial expenditure that had been sanctioned the evening before. We cannot doubt that there are many friends of Israel among us who will respond to the claims of this new undertaking for the well-being, temporal and spiritual, of the people who are still 'beloved for the fathers' sake.' The appeal for extended liberality is the more urgent, that the accounts for the past year show some falling off in the ordinary revenue of the Mission. But though not disregarding of this circumstance, your Committee felt that the best means of turning the tide was likely to be found in their advance to widened work which had been contemplated for years, and in the increase of sympathetic interest in Jewish Mission work that would be thereby awakened. The Committee fondly trust that as the Mission plants itself, and begins to grow, such interest will grow also; only they would remind all that in the beginning, from the very nature of the enterprise, patience must be exercised, and time given for preparatory operations.

It is but a little thing we are as yet able to attempt, but let all pray and hope that the latter end may greatly increase. There is something stimulating in the occupying of a new post, and the prosecution of a new branch of work. New to us, but not elsewhere and by others untried, Medical Missions are multiplying, and are being largely blessed of God. Proceeding on lines laid down by the Lord Himself for His disciples, surely His smile may be expected to rest upon them. Then, as to the special people to whom in the foreground our messenger of healing goes, we work among them under the light of special promise. Israel has his share in all predictions of the evangelisation of the world; but is also singled out for express covenant of restoration. Let us go forward, then, in assured faith, to do our part in bringing on the time when the veil that hides the truth from the Jewish heart shall be taken away, and its unbelief, like that of doubting Thomas, melt into the joyous confession, in the presence of a found Saviour, 'My Lord and my God!'

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

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[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 232.]

VI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE Rev. W. Fraser, the Deputy appointed by the Synod to visit the Synod representing the Union of the Free Churches of France which met at Ste. Foye, Gironde, in November, fulfilled his commission. He was warmly received. He found the Free Churches busily at work, strong in faith, though feeble in resources. The great event in Protestant France during the year has been the celebration of the Bicentenary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Your Committee, in conjunction with the Law and Historical Documents Committee, sent a letter of sympathy to the central meeting in France, in which this historic event was commemorated. It was also made the theme of sermons and addresses throughout the bounds of our own Church. It is fitting that Churches so closely related in history and experience as those of Great Britain and France, should avail themselves of occasions like this for testifying their mutual good-will and Christian affection. A vast number of French Protestants, estimated at half a million, preferred exile to apostasy. Many of these found refuge on British soil, and enriched the industry of our country by their knowledge and skill. They are now incorporated with ourselves, and Huguenot names are found to-day amongst the most honoured of the office-bearers of our Church. Protestantism, however, was not extinguished in France, as Louis XIV. vainly expected. For about a century the 'Church of the Desert' maintained a suffering and precarious life, affording incidents as soul-stirring as those of the 'killing times' of the Scottish Covenanters. The Protestant Churches of France, in our own time, are the representatives of the witnesses and martyrs of former generations. The task of the British Churches, therefore, is not to plant a new Church in France, but to foster the growth of the indigenous Evangelical Church of that country. Would that our people would enable this Committee to do much more than in the past for this glorious cause!

The Deputies appointed to visit the Synod of the Waldenses were, unfortunately, unable from various causes to fulfil their commission. In these circumstances the Moderator addressed a letter to the Synod. The negotiations for union between the Waldensian Church and the

Free Church of Italy continue. It is to be hoped that ere long difficulties arising largely out of questions connected with the name to be given to the United Church will be overcome. It is not to be wondered at that the old historic martyr-Church should cling with tenacity to the ancient and honoured name.

The Convener visited, as Deputy, the Christian Missionary Church of Belgium, which met in Liège in July. He conveyed the greetings of this Church, and received the hearty welcome which is always accorded to our representatives. The commercial pressure of the times tells seriously upon the finances of this small but energetic Church, limiting contributions both within and without their own borders. No Church is more deserving of the sympathy of those who have it in their power to help.

The work in Spain and Portugal, and in Bohemia, which is aided by our Church, makes progress, but the difficulties encountered in those priest-ridden lands are serious.

The Committee have pleasure in stating that in accordance with the plan explained in their last annual Report, a Hungarian student, Mr. Michael Révécoz, has been attending our Theological College, and has given entire satisfaction to the Professors.

Turning to our own country, the Committee have to report that the Moderator and Dr. Wright, as deputies, visited the Irish Assembly, where they were received with much cordiality.

The Rev. Dr. Dykes, according to appointment, visited the Synod of the Church of Scotland in England, which met in London in the month of May. Expression was given to fraternal regard on either side. A delegation was appointed to visit our Synod in 1886.

The Synod of the Calvinistic Methodist Church of Wales, which met in Aberdare in July, was visited by the Convener and the Rev. W. Hareus, Mr. Stitt, the third Deputy, being unfortunately prevented from joining them. The delegates were welcomed with much warmth, and their suggestions received the careful consideration of the Assembly. A Committee was appointed to confer with the Committee on Intercourse of this Church. The action consequent upon this step will appear from the following memorandum, which was cordially accepted on both sides.

‘At a Conference between the Intercourse Committee of this Church and delegates (viz., Rev. Owen Jones, B.A., Rev. J. Cynddylan Jones, Rev. William James, B.A.), appointed by the Assembly of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, held on December 15, 1885, the best methods of drawing closer the bonds of amity between the two Churches were discussed. It was unanimously resolved to submit for the consideration of the Supreme Courts of the two Churches the following suggestions :—

‘I. That each of the Churches shall encourage the transference of its members to the other Church, when said members shall remove from England to Wales or from Wales to England, or shall settle in any place where congregations of the Church to which such members belonged are not found. That it be considered, with a view to this, whether it might not be possible to give information in the annual publications of

each of the Churches, in reference to the ministers, congregations, colleges, missions, &c., of the other. Also that with a view of making the two Churches better known to one another, pulpit exchanges between their ministers be encouraged as occasion offers; and that the efforts of the brethren in Wales to maintain summer services on their coast should be heartily seconded by the brethren in England.

‘II. That a certain (small) number of corresponding members shall be appointed by the Supreme Court of each Church to attend the meetings of the other with right to deliberate, but not to vote.

‘III. That the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church be embraced in the Federal Council, which at present includes the Presbyterian Church of England, and the United Presbyterian Church.

‘IV. That attention be given to cases of students of the one Church who may desire to study for one or more sessions in the theological seminary or seminaries of the other Church, with a view to determining whether and how far such attendance may be held equivalent to attendance in a seminary of their own Church, &c. (This question was remitted meantime to the College Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England.) It is understood that already students of the Welsh Church would be welcome to attend the Theological Hall of the English Church on the same terms as her own students.’

This Committee accordingly submit the above proposals for the consideration of the Synod. They have every reason to be satisfied with the fraternal spirit manifested by the brethren with whom they had the privilege of conferring; and they look for excellent results from the Conference.

The proposal for federal relation is before the Free Church of Scotland. This year that Church will be approached by deputation, and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland by letter.

The Federal Council will meet (D.V.) in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Tuesday, November 30. Delegates will be appointed by the Synod.

The next meeting of the General Presbyterian Council is to be held in London in 1888, and attention is already being given, by a Committee appointed for the purpose, to the necessary arrangements.

As regards finance, the total income of the General Fund of this Committee is less by £50 in 1885 than in 1884; the amount contributed for special objects is more by £28; the income for the General Fund from congregations is less by £83. There has been a decrease of 1 in the number of Congregations contributing, the whole number being 89. The depression of trade has doubtless interfered with our power of giving, yet our Church cannot be said to be in a healthy condition when about two-thirds of its Congregations give nothing towards a scheme adopted by the Church. Nor is it possible to believe that the non-contributing Congregations can be aware of the great value attached by our Continental brethren even to the modest subsidies we can give, or of the large spiritual results which flow in the field of Continental Evangelisation from small expenditure. It is earnestly hoped that office-bearers will everywhere give their flocks the opportunity of aiding this scheme, and that an enterprise which has been

undertaken by the whole Church shall no longer be left to depend for its support upon one-third of its Congregations.

The following grants have been made by the Committee from the collections of the past year:—

	£	s.	d.
BELGIUM: Christian Missionary Church of Belgium .	50	0	0
FRANCE: Evangelical Society of France . . .	20	0	0
Evangelical Society of Geneva . . .	20	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Union of the Free Churches	20	0	0
Mr. McAll's Mission	10	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists in Brittany . . .	10	0	0
ITALY: The Free Church of Italy	15	0	0
Waldensian Church Mission	35	0	0
SPAIN: Spanish Evangelisation Society . . .	40	0	0
PORTUGAL: Lisbon Mission (under Rev. R. Stewart) .	10	0	0
BOHEMIA: Bohemian and Moravian Evangelisation .	20	0	0
HUNGARY: Student in Theological College, London .	10	0	0
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Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

R. H. LUNDIE, *Convener*.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church'—Continental Missions Fund, p. 283.]

VII.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THERE have been this year twenty-four regular students in attendance at the College. The admissions for the first year were five in number :—

Mr. E. Franks, B.A.	Mr. J. M. Blake.
Mr. H. Neill, M.A.	Mr. W. Gilchrist.
Mr. W. J. Gomershall.	

—all University men. The Muter Scholarship of £30, the Newcastle of £25, and the Munro of £20 were awarded respectively to the first-named three who passed with honours. One candidate failed to pass.

The admissions by examination to classes of the second year were seven, viz. :—

Mr. E. J. Gilchrist, M.A.	Mr. D. M. Connan, M.A.
Mr. T. Boyd, M.A.	Mr. C. C. Brown.
Mr. W. G. Jordan, B.A.	Mr. W. Lindsay.
Mr. G. Bates.	

The first four passed with honours. The Gillespie Scholarship of £50 was awarded to Mr. E. J. Gilchrist, the Muter of £30 to Mr. Boyd, and a vacant Muter of £30 to Mr. Jordan. One student withdrew from the examination.

To the third year classes twelve were admitted by examination, one passing with honours.

Mr. W. D. Reid, B.A.	
Mr. T. W. Macpherson.	Mr. W. Murray.
Mr. R. W. Lyall, M.A.	Mr. W. F. Craigie.
Mr. J. A. Watt.	Mr. C. Davy, B.A.
Mr. A. Matheson, M.A.	Mr. R. M. Irvine, B.A.
Mr. W. Thorp, M.A.	Mr. J. R. Patterson.
Mr. W. Watt.	

Mr. Reid, having also passed first in the examination for the Crichton Scholarship, which is given for excellence in New Testament subjects, was awarded that scholarship.

Among other students who have attended classes at the College has been one from the Reformed Church of Hungary, for whom a bursary has been raised. This new link with a sister Church has called forth expressions of warm gratitude from our Hungarian brethren, who recall the important impulse given to their Church by ten Hungarian probationers, who met together in London so long ago as the year 1638.

Undergraduate Scholarships have been awarded this year as follows:—

‘Hamilton,’ £40	...	...	to Mr. W. Wright.
‘Anderson,’ £30	...	...	to Mr. W. W. Goldsworthy.
‘McKerrow,’ £20	...	...	to Mr. J. L. Milne.

But as Mr. Milne was unable to proceed, as he had hoped, to Owens College, Manchester, the ‘McKerrow’ is vacant.

The munificent bequest of £5,000 to the College by the late Mr. R. Barbour was reported to last Synod. It proves to be left for the purpose of providing theological scholarships, of which several have been founded since the generous donor planned his legacy. The Committee have, therefore, felt it their duty, with the concurrence of the Senatus, the Trustees, and the Synod’s Visitors, to take steps to obtain power to apply to the ordinary college expenditure such portion of the income thus provided as may not be required in any year for scholarships.

Five students passed out of the College last April—Messrs. Scott, Peddie, Anderson, Hewitt, and McCallum. Mr. Scott postponed license. The others, together with Messrs. Ross and Samuel, who passed out in 1884, have since been licensed. Mr. Peddie has been settled at Trinity Church, Middlesbrough, and Mr. Hewitt at Edenbridge. Mr. Middlemiss, who left the College two years ago, and has been working in London, has now been settled at Sunderland.

One of the brethren nominated by last Synod to act on the Board of Examination, Rev. C. Moinet, M.A., found it out of his power to accept the appointment. Your Committee had power to invite another examiner in his room, but did not find it necessary to exercise its right to do so. Two other seats have become vacant through the resignation of their respective charges by the Rev. W. T. Johnston, B.A., and the Rev. J. B. Thorburn, M.A., B.D. It is respectfully recommended that these vacancies be filled up by the appointment of the following brethren, namely, Rev. A. C. Murphy, M.A., D.Lit., Rev. G. Carlyle, M.A., and Rev. John Reid, jun., M.A.

It is further recommended that the Rev. George Johnstone, M.A., B.D., who retires from the Board by rotation, be reappointed.

The Committee has likewise learned with regret that the Rev. Donald Matheson, M.A., feels himself compelled by the pressure of other work to withdraw from the Secretaryship of the Committee which he has held for four years.

The elocution class has not been held this Session, but it is hoped that after the Visitors’ report on their special inquiry into the finances of the College fifteen subscribers of two guineas each per annum to the Elocution Fund may be found, and the class continued every year.

This year again there has been no competition for the prize for an essay on an Evangelistic subject.

The Resident Professor reports as follows on the conduct of the Session just closed:—

I have to report very favourably of the condition of the household during the past session. Rules were well observed, and the students were happy, united, and diligent. The two Societies—the Theological and the Missionary—flourished, and the students pleaded the cause of their Mis-

sionary Society before a number of Congregations. I have seldom been able to speak with more unmixed satisfaction of the condition of the College than on the present occasion.

Library.—The additions made to the Library during the year by purchase have been few, owing to want of funds, and limited to mere pressing necessities, as, *e.g.*, in connection with examination subjects. Grateful acknowledgment has again to be made, however, of a number of gifts of books, including a valuable collection, in six volumes, of Tracts on the Non-intrusion Controversy, from the Rev. Principal Chalmers; as well as copies of two documents from the Rev. Dr. Schaff, of New York, containing the history of the American Committee on Revision of the English Bible, and the history of that Committee's work.

Conformably to the practice of other theological institutions, your Committee have thought it reasonable, as well as called for in the interests of the Library, in future to require from all students attending the College the payment of an annual library fee of ten shillings. When arrangements have been matured, by which Ministers and Probationers shall have the right of borrowing, in whole or in part, from the General as well as from the Hamilton and Robertson collections, it is proposed to make a charge of five shillings per annum from those who may wish to avail themselves of this privilege.

Finance.—Last year the deficit arising from the excess of expenditure over income was so serious that your Committee called special attention to it in their Report, and instructions were accordingly given to the visitors of the College to inquire and report with a view to making ends meet in future. Pending their report, it is not necessary here to say more than that things are this year no better in this respect, but worse. The deficit at December 31 last was £471. The alarming decline in the congregational collection which has been going on since 1880 still continues. This is the real and almost the only cause of our embarrassment. From £1,160, which the collection yielded in 1880, it has gone steadily down, in spite of yearly warnings, till last year it produced no more than £808, being a drop of about £70 even from the preceding year. It seems plain that no economy in administration, and no expedient at our command for attracting money from other sources, can possibly save us from a heavy debt if the Congregations of the Church are determined to give either nothing or a greatly diminished offering to our annual income. This declining support is the more disheartening because the College was never in a healthier condition, never doing more or better work or attracting more promising men than at the present moment. It is the duty of your Committee, an imperative though a painful one, to lay this plain statement once more before your venerable House, and to bespeak for it your gravest consideration.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

VIII.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE TRUSTEES,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE Trustees have received payment of £5,000, being the Legacy of the late Robert Barbour, Esq., Bolesworth Castle, for purposes connected with the College, and specified in his will. The aforesaid sum of £5,000 has been received, and is held, under a Deed of Trust agreed upon by George Barbour, Esq., Bolesworth Castle, Executor of the late Robert Barbour, Esq., on the one part, and by the College Trustees on the other part; said Deed being signed on behalf of the College Trustees by five of their number, namely, Mr. John Johnstone, Mr. George Duncan, Mr. Robert Thorburn Turnbull, Mr. Robert Morton, and Mr. John A. Swanston. The aforesaid amount of £5,000 has been duly invested in securities.

The Trustees have received payment of £1,000, being a Legacy to the College by the late Mrs. Hardie, Kensington, London, and they have duly invested that sum in securities.

Payments of all moneys arising from invested Funds for Scholarships are now made to the Synod's Treasurership Committee, by whom all disbursements on account of Scholarships are made. The Newcastle Scholarship, which is an annual contribution from the Presbytery of Newcastle, is received and disbursed by the same Committee.

The Trustees are taking steps to have all Funds invested for Scholarships directly under their own control, for the purposes for which they have been given, and they hope to have this work soon and satisfactorily completed.

The investments are as under :—

Standing in the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES GRAHAM SCOTT,
WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,

£4,000 London and North-Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£3,600 Great Western Railway 5 per Cent. Consolidated Preference Stock.

£1,965 Great Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
HUGH MACKAY MATHESON,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£1,200 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway $4\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.
Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Great Northern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£5,000 Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Railway and Dock Com-
pany $4\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. Debenture Bonds.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
ROBERT WALES,
ROBERT MORTON,

£1,000 Caledonian Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£1,000 South-Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture
Stock.

£1,000 Midland Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£2,060 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway 4 per Cent.
Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Great Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£1,000 London and North-Western Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual
Debenture Stock.

In the names of

GEORGE DUNCAN,
R. T. TURNBULL,
R. MORTON,
J. A. SWANSTON,

£1,426 15s. 9d. New South Wales Government 4 per Cent. In-
scribed Stock.

£1,475 19s. 9d. Queensland Government 4 per Cent. Inscribed Stock.

£1,442 4s. 9d. Victoria Government 4 per Cent. Inscribed Stock.

In the names of

GEORGE DUNCAN,
R. T. TURNBULL,
ROBERT MORTON,
J. A. SWANSTON,
JOHN JOHNSTONE,

£1,452 14s. 6d. South Australian Government 4 per Cent. Stock.
Freehold of 227 Strand.

Submitted, on behalf of the Trustees, by

JOHN JOHNSTONE,

Convener.

IX.
REPORT OF THE SENATUS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE following is the Report of the work carried on during the Session of 1885-86.

Rev. Principal Chalmers, D.D.

DIVINITY.

Apologetics.—In this class, confined to the students of the first year, the subjects of study have been Natural Theology and Christian Evidence. Under the former head, the Theistic argument has been expounded and vindicated, and various anti-Theistic theories (Pantheism, Materialism, Positivism, Secularism) discussed and refuted. Under the latter, the proofs—internal, external, and collateral—of the Divine Origin of Christianity and the Authority of Scripture have been examined and enforced.

Dogmatics.—With the students of the second and third years I have gone over the second part of my course on Systematic Theology; the subjects embraced being—the Person of Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit in the application of Redemption, the nature, ground, and instrument of Justification; and the Doctrine of the Church and of the Sacraments.

In both classes there have been periodical written examinations on the subjects under treatment.

I have every reason to be highly satisfied with the conduct of the students, among whom are not a few of great promise, and whose ability, acquirements, and Christian character and devotedness augur well for their future usefulness and success.

Rev. Professor Graham, D.D.

CHURCH HISTORY AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY.

During the session 1885-86 I have lectured to the Senior Class of Church History on the Fourth Century, including the Council of Nice with the Arian Controversy and the chief historical characters of that and the following period, from Constantine, Athanasius, and Julian, down to Basil, the Gregories, Chrysostom, and Augustine. There were lectures also on the Church History of the eighteenth and nineteenth

centuries in England and Scotland. The First Centuries were the subject of lecture to the Junior Students. In Pastoral Theology lectures were given to both classes on Homiletics, or conversational expositions along with the practice of sketches of sermons from given texts, in order to train the students in the art of preaching.

Oral and written examinations varied those more formal exercises, and made more vivid, and I believe more profitable, the work of the classes.

This Session of the College has been to me as Professor quite the best I have had, both because of the larger number of students and their uniform and universal attention, diligence, and earnestness, both intellectual and spiritual.

Rev. Professor Gibb, D.D.

NEW TESTAMENT GREEK.

To the Senior Class I gave a course of lectures on the History and Principles of Hermeneutics. I read with them the words of our Lord as recorded in the Synoptic Gospels and gave exegetical notes on the passages read. The attention of the students was tested by means of written examinations; and every student wrote an exegetical paper on a prescribed subject from the Greek New Testament.

To the Junior Class I gave a course of lectures on Textual Criticism, and a second course of lectures on the times of the New Testament. I read with them the Epistle to the Hebrews and the First Epistle to the Corinthians. There were class examinations, and the students wrote several exegetical papers.

Rev. Professor Elmslie, M.A.

HEBREW AND OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

The Junior Class have made a careful study of the Grammar, and have read the first half of Genesis, the early chapters of 2 Kings, and some of the simpler Psalms. Historical and exegetical lectures have been delivered, and written examinations held monthly.

The Senior Class have read portions of Numbers, 2 Kings, Proverbs, Isaiah, the Book of Micah, and a selection of Psalms, with complete exegesis and criticism. The chief topics in Old Testament Theology and Apologetics have been discussed in lectures. The work of the class has been revised and tested by periodical written examinations.

It is a matter of regret to the Senatus that no provision has been made during the Session now closed for the instruction of the students in elocution; and they hope that some arrangement may be made ere long for an annual course of lectures on that subject, accompanied with suitable exercises in reading and delivery.

Submitted, on behalf of the Senatus, by

WILLIAM CHALMERS,
Principal.

X.

REPORT OF COLLEGE VISITORS, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE College was visited in December 1885. Mr. S. Smith, M.P., being unable to take part in the work, his place was filled by Mr. W. Carruthers, F.R.S., as directed by last Synod.

The Visitors had previously forwarded to the Professors a series of Queries, to which answers in writing were furnished. Extracts from these answers are appended to this Report.

The Visitors also attended the prelections of the Professors on two successive days, and had a meeting and frank conversation with the Senatus at the close. They conferred together on the whole condition of the Institution and the curriculum of study. They asked for a written outline of the course undertaken by each Professor, and the way in which it is arranged to cover the three appointed Sessions. This has been supplied, and a document drawn up by Professor Gibb, embodying the statements of the several Professors, will be found in the Appendix.

The Visitors have much pleasure in reporting that the effect of this visit on their own minds has been to heighten their estimate of the teaching power in the College. The stimulus which large classes give to Professors is necessarily wanting; yet the Visitors were impressed with the indications of vigour and earnestness on the part both of teachers and students. They have also to record their sense of the courtesy and cordiality with which the Principal and Professors entered into the object of the visitation, met every inquiry, and weighed every suggestion.

The Visitors also met with the Students apart, and conferred with them on many points affecting their studies and their personal comfort. These points they afterwards brought under notice of the Senatus; and some of them receive attention in recommendations which they are now to submit. At the close of the Conference the Students were suitably addressed by the Rev. Dr. Macleod and the Chairman.

Subsequently the Visitors met with the College Committee, and concurred with that body in the recommendation they have made regarding the application of the interest accruing from the bequest of the late Robert Barbour, Esq. They were also convinced by the arguments advanced in this Conference, that it is not expedient at present to transfer the College to Cambridge, and this alike for financial and ecclesiastical reasons.

After the best consideration which they have been able to give to the state of the College as a training school for the Ministry of the Word, the Visitors beg to report :—

1. That the College is in a condition of liveliness and efficiency, which entitles it to the hearty confidence and support of our Church.

2. That there is justice in the complaint of Students of the third year, that their minds are overburdened in the last Session by having, over and above the class-work, to prepare for an exit examination which embraces all the branches of study throughout their entire course. It is therefore recommended that this matter should be referred to the Senatus and the Examination Board, with the suggestion that, as the course of Apologetics is complete in the first year, the course of Church History should be completed in the first and second years, and the pass in those two subjects at the Entrance Examination for the third year should be accepted as sufficient, and so count in the final exit. Thus the Senior Students would have their minds free in the last Session for Dogmatics, Old and New Testament Exegesis, and Pastoral Theology, and would be more able to do justice to these crowning studies.

3. That the Senatus should be instructed to ascertain early in each Session that every Student is a communicant in some one of the Presbyterian Congregations in London during attendance at College.

4. That it is desirable to secure that every Student of the third year should be admitted to at least two meetings of a Church Session, with leave of that Court, in order to learn how the business of a Session ought to be conducted.

5. That only one-half of the Students are able to find room in the College building, and that the residential system, confined to this small scale, costs the Church too much. Resident Students pay for their board, attendance, &c., about fifteen shillings per week. But it is estimated that in respect of extra service required, coal, gas, and the wear and tear of house and furniture, the College Funds have to provide from £100 to £150 a year, which the abolition of residence would save. There are good arguments for and against the residential system, and the Visitors do not assume to decide between them ; but they point out to the Synod that in the interest of economy it is necessary either to abolish residence, and immediately reduce the College household, or to raise the weekly payment required of Resident Students.

In lieu of the Gymnasium suggested in the Report of former Visitors, the Students have expressed a desire for a Lawn Tennis Court to be prepared in the garden ; but this proposal need not be considered till the question of continued residence is settled.

The Visitors were instructed to consider carefully the financial position of the College. Mr. Beith, one of their number, has made a special examination of the House Charges, and is of opinion that the household staff is not too large, and that the expenditure cannot be materially reduced. Not even the abolition of the residential system would effect such a saving as to adjust the expenditure to the income. The maximum of such saving would be, as already explained, £150 per annum, and the threatened deficit seems to be £337. It will be necessary,

therefore, in any case for the Church to increase the College revenue considerably, through Congregational collections and otherwise.

Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P., has inspected the various deeds and securities, representing the property and investments of the College, and ascertained that they are all in safe custody.

Submitted, on behalf of the Visitors, by
DONALD FRASER,
Chairman.

APPENDIX.

I.

COLLEGE TIME-TABLE.

Seniors	10 to 11	11 to 12	12 to 1
Monday. .	Societies	Hebrew	Dogmatics
Tuesday .	New Testament	Hebrew	Church History
Wednesday .	Hebrew	Dogmatics	Discourses
Thursday .	New Testament	Hebrew	Church History
Friday . .	Church History	Dogmatics	German (J. G. Smieton, Esq.)
Juniors	10 to 11	11 to 12	12 to 1
Monday. .	Societies	Hebrew	New Testament
Tuesday .	Hebrew	Apologetics	New Testament
Wednesday .	Church History	Hebrew	Discourses
Thursday .	Apologetics	Church History	Hebrew
Friday . .	New Testament	Church History	German (J. G. Smieton, Esq.)
Theology— Prin. Chalmers	Church History— Prof. Graham	New Testament— Prof. Gibb	Hebrew— Prof. Elmslie

II.

PROGRAMME OF STUDY, SHOWING THE WHOLE FIELD TRAVERSED BY EACH PROFESSOR.

(Drawn up by Professor GIBB.)

FIRST YEAR.

Apologetics.—Theism. Anti-theistic Theories. Pantheism, Materialism, Agnosticism. Fifty Lectures with oral and written examinations.

Dr. CHALMERS.

Church History.—Introduction. History of the Church from its Foundation to Constantine.

Dr. GRAHAM.

New Testament Exegesis.—First half of the Session : Lectures on Textual Criticism. Readings from one of the Epistles, with Exegetical Lectures. Second half of the Session : Lectures on Times of the New Testament, with Readings and Exegetical Lectures as before.

Prof. GIBB.

Hebrew.—Hebrew Grammar with Exercises. Translation and Interpretation of Genesis and selected Psalms. Lectures on introductory subjects.

Prof. ELMSLIE.

SECOND YEAR.

Dogmatics.—Theology, or the Doctrine of God. His Attributes, Decrees, Works of Creation and Providence. Doctrine of Man. Fall. Sin.

Dr. CHALMERS.

Church History.—From Constantine to Thomas Aquinas. Patristic and Mediaeval Church History.

Dr. GRAHAM.

New Testament Exegesis.—Lectures on the Life and Writings of St. Paul. Readings, with Exegetical Notes on one or more Epistles.

Prof. GIBB.

Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis.—Readings in the Prophetical Books, with Exegesis and Criticism. Occasional Psalms. Lectures on Old Testament Theology, *e.g.* Prophecy, Typology, &c.

Prof. ELMSLIE.

THIRD YEAR.

Dogmatics.—Soteriology. Person of Christ. Christ, His Divinity, Humanity, and Atonement. The Application of Redemption. The Doctrine of the Church and the Sacraments.

Dr. CHALMERS.

Church History.—From Thomas Aquinas through the Reformation to the Nineteenth Century.

Dr. GRAHAM.

New Testament Exegesis.—Lectures. The Writings of St. John, St. James, and St. Peter. History and Principles of Interpretation. Readings in Gospels or Epistles, with Exegetical Lectures.

Prof. GIBB.

Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis.—Study of the Poetical and Philosophical Books, with relevant Apologetic Exegesis and Criticism. Lectures on Old Testament Theology (*e.g.* Doctrine of Sacrifice, Sin, Grace, &c.) and on Comparative Religion.

Prof. ELMSLIE.

III.

EXTRACTS FROM WRITTEN STATEMENTS BY THE PROFESSORS.

THE STUDENTS.—‘The attendance is very regular, and the behaviour generally most satisfactory.’

‘I have every reason to believe that there is a great deal of Christian life among the Students at present. They are largely engaged in some kind of Christian work, and they generally manifest a spirit of piety and of devotedness to the great end of their studies—the Ministry of the Word.’

Princ. CHALMERS.

‘I can make a most genuine and grateful statement as to spiritual life among the Students. It has made professional work a religious privilege, and in many ways sped the work, however technical and occasionally formal, of the class.’

Prof. GRAHAM.

‘The attendance in the class very regular, and the conduct entirely satisfactory. We enforce regular attendance by regular calling of roll, and requiring satisfactory reasons for cases of absence.’

Prof. GIBB.

TEXT-BOOKS.—‘Text-books are used as foundation for lectures and examinations, with a view to which portions are prescribed to be read: in Apologetics, Buchanan’s “Faith in God, and Modern Atheism”; and in Dogmatics, Hodge’s “Outlines of Systematic Theology,” Cunningham’s “Historical Theology,” Crawford on the Atonement.’

Princ. CHALMERS.

‘No text-book; but special books recommended for reading.’

Prof. GRAHAM.

‘Text-books are in daily use, viz. Davidson’s Grammar, Müller’s Syntax, and the Hebrew Bible.’

Prof. ELMSLIE.

CLASS EXAMINATIONS.—‘Frequent examinations on the lecture of the preceding day; and a written examination on the subjects of lecture once a month.’

Princ. CHALMERS.

‘Oral examination for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour. A written examination for a whole hour at intervals.’

Prof. GRAHAM.

‘Written examinations three or four times a Session, both in Junior and Senior class. Students read in class a portion of Greek Testament or Greek ecclesiastical author. Questions are put, and the Professor gives notes on the passage.’

Prof. GIBB.

‘Oral examination takes place daily; and there are written examinations in the Junior class monthly, in the Senior every two months.’

Prof. ELMSLIE.

SUPERVISION DURING THE LONG VACATION.—‘I do not think that there is any such effective superintendence as could be desired.’

Princ. CHALMERS.

‘There is no formal supervision of the Students during Long Vacation. They have to prepare for an Entrance Examination and to write papers for next Session. I endeavour to find occupation either in Mission-work or tuition for those who desire it.’

Prof. GIBB.

IV.

STATEMENT REGARDING THE COLLEGE LIBRARY.

(By J. G. SMETON, Esq.)

1. The Library contains *circa* 7,500 volumes.

2. It is deficient in 'untranslated foreign theological literature; also in recent apologetical and other theological works published in Britain; and in works on the subsidiary branches, such as publications connected with Palestine exploration, Assyrian and Egyptian inscriptions, and the like.' Some bibliographical works and other expensive books of reference should likewise be added.

3. The establishment of a Library Endowment Fund has been sanctioned by the Synod, but, owing to the prevalent depression, little progress has as yet been made in this direction. The expenses of the Library are meanwhile met out of the revenue of the Synod's Committee, who have authorised the appropriation of a sum not exceeding £25 annually for this object. In the present state of the Committee's finances, however, it is thought expedient not to take advantage of this beyond what is urgently required.

The Committee have recently decided to make an annual charge of ten shillings for the use of the Library from all Students attending the College.

XI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION
OF PROBATIONERS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE following lists will show the changes that have taken place on the Rolls during the past year, and the present state of each.

I. *Names of those received on Roll A. during the year:—*

Rev. George Samuel, M.A.	Rev. George Drysdale.
„ Edward Ross, M.A.	„ John Hardie, B.D.
„ James Peddie, B.A.	„ William McCraith.
„ H. S. Anderson, M.A.	„ Evan Bissett.
„ G. M. Storrar.	„ Alexander Stirling.
„ Dugald McCallum.	

II. *Names removed during the year:—*

Rev. F. B. Whitmore, removed (Rule 4).	
„ J. Hall	„
„ Thomas Stenhouse, joined Church of England.	„
„ J. W. Black,	settled at Newbiggin.
„ William Dunn,	„ Risley.
„ W. C. Blount,	„ Brampton.
„ James Peddie, B.A.,	„ Middlesbro' (Trinity).
„ J. T. Middlemiss,	„ Sunderland (North Bridge Street).
„ John Foulkes,	„ Aberdare.
„ Ellis Hewitt,	„ Edenbridge.
„ H. S. Anderson, gone to Tasmania.	

III. *Names now on Roll A. for Supply of Vacancies:—*

Rev. J. F. Darroch.	Rev. Dugald McCallum.
„ P. A. Milne.	„ George Drysdale, M.A.
„ J. A. G. Stirling.	„ John Hardie, B.D.
„ George Samuel, M.A.	„ William McCraith.
„ Edward Ross, M.A.	„ Evan Bissett.
„ G. M. Storrar, B.A.	„ Alexander Stirling.

IV. *List of present Vacancies:—*

Killingworth.	Stepney.	Crook.
Sutton.	Shrewsbury.	Bowden, Manchester.
Wimbledon.	Wolverhampton.	Broad Street, Birmingham.

Darenth.	Holybourne.	Swalwell.
Oldham.	Jersey.	York.
Dudley.	St. Kilda's, Jarrow.	Tweedmouth.
West Kirby.	Camphill, Birmingham.	Canterbury.
Bow Road, London.	St. George's, Sunderland.	College Park, Willesden.
Bermondsey, London.		

V. *List of Preaching Stations* :—

1. RURAL.

Alderney.	Great Salkeld.	Holy Island.
Penruddock.	Tunley.	

2. CHURCH EXTENSION.

Cambridge.	Verulam, London.
East Dulwich, London.	

In the name of the Committee,

JAMES MUIR,
Convener.

XII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE work of the Committee expands as they become better acquainted with the views and requirements of actual teachers, and as increasing experience enables them to be more helpful in guiding and acknowledging the studies pursued in our schools and classes, and in the homes of our people. The most interesting enlargement of the Committee's operations during the year has been the Shorter Catechism Examination carried through in the late autumn, an account of which will be found in the Sunday School section of this Report. The Committee regard it as indispensable that in every scheme and effort which they undertake they should have the sympathy and support of Presbyteries. In order to connect themselves more closely with every district throughout the Church, and so secure local knowledge and assistance in the conduct of their own work, they have invited Presbyteries to change their Sabbath School Committees into Committees on the Instruction of Youth, with the oversight of whatever agencies are employed within the bounds in the training of the young, and linked to this Committee by means of correspondents. Most of the Presbyteries have adopted the proposal, and no doubt the others will also fall in with what is obviously a suitable arrangement, likely to increase the efficiency and unity of the Church's labours on behalf of the young. Other directions in which they may usefully direct and assist the young people and their teachers will be sure to open up to the Committee. They will themselves be constantly on the watch for ways of perfecting their schemes; and they will also cordially welcome and carefully discuss whatever recommendations may reach them from competent advisers.

The growing sense throughout the Church of the importance of this work has been proved by the fact that a larger number of Congregations (101, against 73 in 1884) have made the annual collection, the amount of which has advanced from £234 in 1884, to £277 in 1885. The requirements of the Committee are not extravagant. Their operations branch out in many lines, and affect the well-being of every Congregation; yet an income of £500 would cover their whole expenditure, including such items as Essay and Shorter Catechism prizes, which have hitherto been met by special donations. If the 180 Churches which give the Committee no monetary assistance (not a few of whom take advantage of the

Higher Instruction Scheme, and ought not therefore to forget the Committee's claims) could only be stirred to meet this call even as liberally as the Congregations which now contribute, the necessities of the case would be comfortably met. And it is only fair to add that it is by no means exclusively poor and struggling Congregations which have hitherto withheld help. Many prosperous Churches are amongst the defaulters, and some of the weakest of our Churches regularly make the collection. Office-bearers ought not to refuse Congregations the opportunity of aiding efforts which cannot but touch Christian hearts, efforts to secure the intelligent and godly upbringing of the young. The Committee again lay their whole work on the hearts of our people, beseeching for all who are in their care much sympathy and many loving prayers.

I. *The Bible Band*.—This useful scheme continues to profit by the superintendence of Mr. Carruthers. Month by month lists of the passages of Scripture to be read or committed to memory are printed in the *Children's Messenger*, which also contains comments and questions on the portions to be read, and lists of those who answer the questions, along with estimates of their answers. The Notes on St. Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles (the readings during 1885) were written by the Rev. Donald Matheson; the questions were set and the answers examined by the Rev. Alex. Jeffrey. On the recommendation of Mr. Jeffrey, prizes were awarded to the children whose answers were best—a copy of the Revised Bible to ten seniors (above twelve years of age), and the volume of the *Children's Messenger* for 1885 to ten juniors. There were about 500 enrolled members of the Band, to each of whom a card of membership was sent, giving the readings for the whole year. But no doubt many more of the readers of the *Children's Messenger* (of which 29,000 copies are circulated monthly) used the lists of passages and the helpful comments it published, and were thus directed in an intelligent and consecutive perusal of the Word of God.

The whole work was admirably done by the brethren named, to whom the warmest thanks are due. This year, for the first time, a departure is being made from the usual practice of taking for the readings the whole of one or more books of the Bible. The children are being conducted through a *selection* of passages from the Pentateuch, those parts being left out which are not likely to interest or profit young readers. The adoption of such a plan will make it possible to guide the children over a much wider range of Scripture than would be advantageous if no omissions could be made. The enrolled members of the Band now number 666. The notes on the readings are being prepared by the Revs. J. B. Hastings, of Newcastle, and George Wilson, of Canonbury; and Mr. Jeffrey has again undertaken the task of setting questions and examining answers. In awarding prizes at the end of the year, the boys and girls from 8 to 11 years of age will be reckoned juniors, and those from 11 to 14 seniors.

II. *Sunday Schools*.—Upwards of 70,000 boys and girls are gathered into our Sunday Schools, in charge of some 7,000 teachers. Bible Classes, not connected with Sunday Schools, contain about 7,000 youths and maidens, taught chiefly by our Ministers, though some most successful classes are in the care of laymen. These figures have behind them a vast

amount of devoted and prayerful instruction in the things of the kingdom of God, the results of which cannot be tabulated, in multitudes of cases cannot even be known. May the labourers find their own hearts enriched by study and by teaching, and by all the love and the petitions with which they encircle their classes! And may they have the gladness even now of those who see that they are leading many to righteousness!

It is impossible to exaggerate the necessity of doing whatever can be done to secure the efficiency of our Sunday Schools. During the last decade there has been a rapid quickening and improvement in Elementary Schools, with which inevitably Sunday Schools are compared or contrasted. Sunday Schools cannot wisely be content with the methods and appliances, or even with the care and skill, which were found not inadequate when thousands of their children were badly taught or not taught at all during the week. We ought to aim at a thoroughness and influence not behind even that of good secular schools, with their trained and certificated teachers, their well-written text-books, their airy and bright rooms, and the vigorous system of Government inspection which affords a constant incentive to thoughtful diligence. The fear can scarcely be put aside that in the race for excellence Sunday Schools have been left behind. The Churches do not possess the abundant resources (from State grants, fees, and rates) which have enabled the managers of day schools to provide them with every helpful apparatus. Yet if it were clearly understood that Sunday Schools can only fully serve their high ends when they can challenge comparison with well-appointed Elementary Schools, progress might be quickly made in many directions, while loving devotion would still, as now, make up for unavoidable deficiencies.

The New Church Building Fund may perhaps be so administered as to induce much larger attention to the question of accommodation for our Sunday classes. Infant classes and senior classes *must* meet by themselves. But, indeed, the best work at any age will be done by children who are alone with their teacher. Most Sunday Schools are sadly harassed by being huddled together in unsuitable and insufficient halls, or even inside churches. Much to be commended is the example of one of our Carlisle Congregations (Fisher Street), which recently, at a cost of £1,200, erected a large hall, surrounded by above twenty small classrooms. Less costly churches and more adequate provision for Sunday Schools would not seldom be a better distribution of expenditure.

The text-book is the Bible; and if the lessons be well chosen, they will rival in interest and surpass in intellectual and moral stimulus the best books employed in Day Schools. But in order effectively to explain and apply the word of God, teachers should have at their command the best available assistance. Most of our schools adopt the International Series of Lessons; and the Committee having had their attention called to the 'Westminster Helps,' prepared by the American Presbyterian Church (Notes on the International Series, in various forms to suit different grades of scholars), have authorised the Publications Committee to say in their name that these 'Helps' are of a high order of merit, and that their use is cordially recommended, where the Inter-

national Series of Lessons is followed. Perhaps even Senior and Infant Classes, which now usually pursue a course of study by themselves, could by means of the 'Westminster Helps' be interested in the lessons with which the other classes are engaged, so that in every part of the school systematic study of the Bible would be prosecuted. But it is a fair question, as to which teachers might express an opinion, whether or not, without suggesting that the International Series be abandoned, there should not be an attempt made to meet the capacity of Infant Classes by a simpler course, and to offer to Senior Classes an advanced course of lessons. Possibly our own Church might with advantage unite with sister Churches in such an enterprise, if on consideration it should appear to be wise.

The Committee invite the earnest attention of the Church to a point of unceasing importance—the indispensable qualifications of mind and heart, of scholarship and diligence, for the successful management of a class in a Sunday School. Skill and study, affection and patience, must be added to devout prayerfulness if the teacher is to be counted well furnished for his duties, so as both to guide his children into an intelligent appreciation of Holy Scripture, and to move them towards a personal decision to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Good notes on each lesson, and even the preparation classes which, if possible, should be conducted in connection with every school, and which teachers should make it a matter of conscience regularly to attend, will not of themselves fit a teacher to expound and enforce the mind of God. Love, labour, information, science, must contribute to the equipment of the ideal teacher. Our younger teachers lay the Church under great obligation. They render splendid service in the Sunday School. Where they give themselves to this duty out of devotion to Christ, and care for the children's good, they bring to their classes the priceless gifts of enthusiastic vigour and hopefulness. Much of the good effected by Sunday Schools has been wrought by youthful instructors. On the other hand, it is no longer so true as it once was that the whole staff is usually made up of those who are inexperienced, even if energetic and willing. Few sessions fail to furnish superintendents or teachers to the schools: in many Churches all the Elders give active help. Yet, beyond question, the feeling is unfortunate, and is not yet rooted out of Christian minds, that the call to assist in the Sunday School is only binding on men and women in the days of their youth. Not many members of our Churches, perhaps, would echo words addressed to a Sunday School worker not long ago: 'It is so graceful, you know, to see young people engaging in such work,' the speaker thus lightly putting aside any sense of personal duty. But the idea that Sunday School teaching is rather beneath people of mature years and attainments is scarcely extinct; whereas, on the contrary, we need in our schools ripe Christian experience and wide spiritual culture, to elevate the tone of all the work, and successfully to deal with the children most difficult to control and influence, whether from age or from social causes. The young have a noble place in this great army. But the wisest men and women are wanted as officers, and for the posts of difficulty, and it is said are becoming more difficult to find in recent years. It is chiefly with a desire to elevate the ideal of a Sunday

School teacher, and so perhaps to do something to attract to this work and keep in it the ripest and ablest Christians, that the Committee propose to institute a system of granting, on proper conditions, certificates of competency as Sunday School teachers. The proposal is only in abeyance until a suitable text-book on which to found an examination on the methods of Sunday School work can be procured; and the Committee are glad to be able to announce that such a book is, at their suggestion, being now prepared by the learned and accomplished Principal of the Glasgow Free Church Training College. The supreme requirement, devotion to Christ and a passion for souls, is beyond human tests; but knowledge and skill, though subsidiary, are also essential. The institution of a badge of honour, which beginners in the work might be urged to seek to obtain, may warn off those unwilling to be laborious, and may deepen the feeling that it is a distinction to be permitted to serve the Master in this field. So at least the Committee fondly anticipate. In the case of those proposing to become teachers it is intended to grant such a Teacher's Certificate to those who already hold (say) two Higher Instruction Certificates, one Doctrinal and the other Biblical or Historical, when in addition they pass creditably the Special Examination on the art of teaching, one part of which will be the preparation of an outline lesson on a passage of Scripture selected at the time out of a book or part of a book of the Bible previously named. Our present staff of teachers, however, will be offered the Certificate on their passing only this special examination, even if they possess no Higher Instruction Certificates. There is, it need scarcely be said, no intention to impose a condition without which admission to the teaching staff is to be refused. But perhaps by-and-by such as desire to earn a good degree as teachers will come to seek this certificate of competency in order to satisfy themselves that they are called to the work.

The Committee press upon our superintendents and teachers the consideration of the Model Rules drawn up a year ago with great care. They are now published separately by the Publications Committee. All efficient schools are managed, no doubt, on much the same lines as those laid down in the Model Rules. But school authorities, specially where the schools are young or backward, might find them helpful. A few schools have already adopted them in whole or in part. But, although copies were sent to all superintendents, in many cases the teachers have never even heard of them. The compilation of an annotated catalogue of books suitable for Sabbath School libraries, and of a further list of books which might form reference libraries for teachers, has proved a more laborious task than was at first expected. Every effort will be made to have it ready for publication next winter. The Committee have in their care a collection of magic-lantern slides (70 in number), illustrative of our Chinese missions, which will be sent free of charge (except for carriage) to any school desirous of using them at an evening entertainment. Mr. Swanson has undertaken to prepare an explanatory lecture, and some of our Missionaries are at present taking steps to increase the number of slides. If funds admitted the Committee would gladly give further assistance to schools in this matter, perhaps by providing the magic lantern as well as the slides. Meanwhile, and as it

stands, this exhibition of Chinese views might increase the affection of our young people for our missions. Already the children of our families and our schools are large contributors to the mission cause. Last year their total gifts to schemes of the Church (almost exclusively to Foreign Missions) exceeded £2,000. Their generosity merits warmest acknowledgment; and it might be still further stimulated by frequently showing them good pictorial illustrations of the scenes and the people amongst whom our missions are planted. At the request of the Committee the Moderator of last Synod, the Rev. Robert Taylor, of Upper Norwood, prepared an excellent New Year's Address to the children of the Church, entitled 'The Great Feast.' Unfortunately Mr. Taylor was unable to send the address to press until late in the year; and the circulation was further restricted by the fact that several of our leading Ministers wrote similar addresses, which naturally occupied part of our field. 6,500 copies of the address were sold. Next winter the Committee trust to be able to publish their New Year's Address in better time.

It is desirable to renew the earnest recommendation that Sessions and Presbyteries take constant pains in the encouragement and oversight of our Sabbath Schools, by frequent visitations (sympathetic, not meddling), and in all other suitable ways. Such matters as the following, for example, might be specially pressed on those responsible for the management of the schools: that the best assistance to the study of the lessons should be furnished to the teachers, by printed notes, and still more by weekly preparation classes; that the children should be afforded regular opportunities of contributing to our own foreign missions; that all schools should assist the great temperance movement; that infant and senior classes should have suitable accommodation in separate rooms. Exceptional difficulties which may be encountered, and successful expedients for overcoming them, might be reported to this Committee, which should be kept fully informed of the state of all our schools, and invited to consider questions on which direction is needed. Some Presbyterian Committees send their annual reports to the Committee. In most cases that is not done. If all these reports were regularly forwarded in good time, the whole Church would be put in possession year by year of every important fact regarding this great branch of her ministrations.

The Committee announced last autumn their desire to encourage the study of the Shorter Catechism by giving a copy of the 'Oxford Bible,' containing a valuable series of aids to Bible study, to every child in our families or schools who should repeat the Catechism with intelligent accuracy. Ministers and superintendents were asked to be the examiners. To secure uniformity, and make the prescribed test of real value, precise conditions were laid down as to what was to be accepted as a successful repetition. When the returns of the examinations were made, it was found necessary, in connection with particular cases, to fill up and further explain the conditions of a pass. It will be useful at this point briefly to indicate their character, as a guide in future examinations, and as a guarantee to the Church that the children to whom the prizes have been awarded possess an acquaintance with the Catechism likely to be permanent.

A boy or girl (none are eligible who have reached the age of fifteen) must repeat the Catechism at one, two, or at the most three sittings, the first and the last not being separated by a longer interval than three months. More than five mistakes count a failure. In the event of a failure a child may try again, or even again and again ; but at each new trial must go back to the beginning of the Catechism and say it all through.

Examiners are requested only to ask the questions, to give no assistance, and to correct no mistakes. They are simply to listen and report. The slightest error must be counted, even if it does not at all affect the meaning of the answer. When a child goes wrong, and, being absolutely unaided by look or word, corrects himself, the slip will reckon one mistake. If he does not correct himself, the Examiner is requested to make no remark ; and *each word omitted or substituted or added* must be counted one mistake. If a candidate cannot begin an answer without help, that is to be reckoned a total failure, and the whole examination, if the child wishes to try again, must begin anew. It will be seen that pedantic accuracy is demanded. But only thus can the scheme be made of any real worth. And the Committee are sure that they may rely on the loyal adherence of Examiners to these stringent tests, that the examination everywhere may be of the same value.

The offer of the Catechism prize was made in the middle of October. Certificates had to be sent in not later than November 30. Only six weeks were therefore available ; and this first examination thus became, not an incentive to the study of the Catechism (for which there was of course no time), but only a means of discovering how many of our young people already knew it so well that they could repeat it faultlessly on the shortest notice. In future years many will no doubt come forward who have been incited to commit the Catechism to memory by the Committee's award. The examination may now take place at any time during the year, and awards will be made at the close of each year to those candidates whose certificates are sent up not later than October 31. The first returns (the little time allowed being remembered) were exceedingly gratifying. In all 370 children earned the Committee's award. Every Presbytery was represented by successful candidates. Berwick sent up 19 names, Birmingham 7, Bristol 13, Carlisle 26, Darlington 12, Liverpool 84, London 103, Manchester 16, Newcastle 66 (but none from the city of Newcastle), and Northumberland 24. The candidates represent 78 Congregations. The Committee anticipate next year a considerably larger number of successful candidates, including, probably, many who have this time failed. After next year, as of course no child can take this prize more than once, the numbers at any one competition will be greatly smaller ; though the Committee trust that the interest evoked by this scheme may not die away, and that the Catechism, under this impetus, may find its way into many quarters where hitherto it has been unknown.

Several most interesting cases were reported to the Committee. At Houghton-le-Spring, a *blind girl* (Margaret Ann Fraser) repeated the Catechism with intelligent emphasis, and without a single mistake. At Islington, London, a little fellow of seven years of age (Harry C. Bailey) only made two mistakes. Quite a number of successful candidates, in various parts of the country, were only eight or nine years old. At Workington, a boy of nine repeated the whole Catechism at one sitting 'without a single error or omission or hesitation even.' A considerable number of children, a little older, performed the same feat. A remarkable performance was reported from Stratford. The daughter of our esteemed Minister there, a girl ten years old, had never seen the Catechism before the

public announcement of this examination. She set to work to commit it to memory, and in two or three weeks was able to present herself to the Sunday School superintendent for examination. She repeated ninety-nine answers at a run without a single slip, and only stopped then because the Examiner had not time to let her finish, which of course she easily did without a mistake on another day. Besides reporting cases such as these, many of the Examiners wrote enthusiastically of the remarkable intelligence with which the Catechism was repeated, and their certainty that this new scheme will be productive of the best results.

The Committee were taken aback by the very success of this new effort. They always anticipated meeting the expense it would entail by soliciting special donations from friends to whom the Shorter Catechism is very dear, both from old associations and from their intelligent conviction that it is an admirable body of evangelical doctrine. They have received for this purpose about 50%. But the sum required is 73%. A similar amount will probably be needed to provide the Bibles for successful candidates at the close of the present year. The Committee renew their appeal for assistance in this special work, the cost of which their ordinary income cannot bear.

They have offered to meet the case of Presbyterians who are distant from any of our Churches, and have been forced to connect themselves with other denominations, but who would like their children to participate in the Shorter Catechism examination. Usually the nearest Minister of our Church would be near enough to arrange for the examination of such young people. A list might thus be gradually formed of those Presbyterians who are 'lapsed' only through stress of circumstances, and who regard themselves as still the sons and daughters of our Church. Out of such a list there might sometimes issue Church extension, and so additional strength to Presbyterianism in England.

The Committee have considered the advisability of asking the Church to appoint a 'Children's Sunday,' on which all the services should be wholly adapted to the young people, or partly suited to their capacity, and partly concerned with their welfare (for example, by sermons to parents and call for personal service in the Sunday School). In the Free Church of Scotland this has been done for some years with striking success. There is already a good deal of provision for children in many of our Churches; children's hymns at the ordinary services, a children's 'portion' each Lord's day, special sermons to children, separate morning services for the younger children. But the Committee are disposed to think that much interest might be evoked if the same day were devoted all over the Church to a great effort to touch youthful spirits, and deepen the feeling of responsibility in the hearts of all who are able to influence the children. They accordingly recommend the Synod to appoint a 'Children's Sunday' to be observed on the day named for their Annual Collection, or where that day is unsuitable, on a Sunday as near to it as can be arranged.

Careful reports have been forwarded by the Birmingham and Newcastle and Liverpool Committees on the Instruction of Youth. From the other Presbyterian Committees there is no special report; but the usual statistical returns relating to all our Sabbath Schools will be found in their place in the Blue-book.

The Committee of the Presbytery of Birmingham lament a somewhat

serious decrease in several of their Sabbath Schools. Only two schools have adopted the Model Rules; 9 out of 15 have introduced 'School Praise.' This Committee transmit a request which might be weighed by those in charge of the arrangements for the Synodical visitation of Congregations, *i.e.* that the visitors should always hold a Conference with teachers as well as with office-bearers. The Presbytery of Newcastle conduct an annual examination, open to all the Sunday Schools within the bounds, and offer prizes for excellence. One hundred scholars competed at the last examination, many of whom acquitted themselves most creditably. Thirteen schools out of 67 have introduced 'School Praise.' There are scarcely any teachers' preparation classes in either Presbytery. Five Newcastle schools have adopted the Model Rules. In both Presbyteries there are a goodly number of classes studying in connection with the Higher Instruction Scheme. Two of the Newcastle Higher Instruction classes are conducted by the wives of our Ministers (at Houghton-le-Spring and Blackhill). A scholar in the Diana Street Congregational School in connection with Trinity Church, Newcastle, gained the first prize over all England in the Middle Division at the Sunday School Union Examination. The Newcastle Committee urge that this Committee should issue a 'Model Statistical Schedule for Sunday Schools,' to be used by Presbyterian Committees in ascertaining the condition and progress of their schools, the Presbyterian returns to be at the disposal of this Committee. Fuller information might be thus obtained, but the objection is very strong to the multiplication of annual schedules.

The Presbytery of Liverpool held a Conference with Sunday School Teachers last November, at which, however, unfortunately, few of the teachers were present. The Liverpool schools (59 in number) have been visited during the year by Presbytery Deputies, who report themselves well satisfied with their efficiency, as well as on the whole with their class-rooms. Only three teachers' preparation classes are reported in this Presbytery. The Shorter Catechism is in general use. 'Bands of Hope are all but universal.'

The Committee believe that they themselves would be assisted, and Sabbath Schools benefited also, if they could get into individual contact with our teachers. They would like the teachers to be acquainted with their views and plans, and they would thankfully welcome practical suggestions as to means of extending their own helpfulness. They are anxious, therefore, to be enabled to send a copy of the Sabbath School section of this report to every teacher in the Church. Year by year, for many years, the expense of carrying out a similar plan in the Free Church of Scotland has been borne by generous Elders of that Church, one Elder in each year. Will the Elders of our own Church do this great service to the cause—each year one of them defraying the cost of printing and circulating seven thousand copies of the pages of the Instruction Report concerned with our Sabbath Schools?

III. *Higher Instruction.*—The usual Supplementary Report, announcing the results of the recent examination, will be presented to the Synod during its Session. The Committee have much satisfaction in announcing a considerable increase in the number of competitors above the number in any previous year.

Last year, much the largest in respect of the number of candidates, 878 sent in their names and 648 obtained awards, 233 seniors and 415 juniors. This year there are 981 competitors, 329 seniors and 652 juniors. Evidently the cheaper text-books of recent years enable teachers of classes more easily

to fall in with the Synod scheme, and facilitate preparation for the examination. In most of the Presbyteries there is a falling off this year in the number of returns from Congregations. Newcastle and Northumberland are, however, notable exceptions. Bristol also has now begun to manifest considerable interest in the scheme.

The subjoined table will show the proportions in which the competitors are drawn from the various Presbyteries, and the distribution of interest in the various subjects :—

Presbyteries	No. of Congregations sending Competitors	Competitors	Number to be examined on							
			Thomson's David		Brown's Romans		The Catechism		Cutts's Augustine	
			Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior
Liverpool . .	12	115	43	13	17	1	36	2	2	1
Carlisle . .	5	33	17	—	1	—	14	—	1	—
Manchester . .	8	240	39	66	1	46	52	19	1	16
Bristol . . .	4	66	26	—	8	10	10	—	12	—
Berwick . . .	4	26	12	—	—	—	13	—	1	—
Birmingham .	4	24	5	4	6	—	8	—	—	1
Newcastle . .	13	132	45	4	5	2	53	10	2	11
Northumber-land . . .	9	64	29	11	—	1	14	1	6	2
London . . .	25	262	77	38	19	30	42	14	20	22
Darlington . .	6	19	8	1	4	—	3	3	—	—
	90	981	301	137	61	90	245	49	45	53

N.B. 135 of the Manchester Competitors come from Hulme Cliffe College, Curbar.

The approval of the Synod is requested for the following programme of studies for next autumn and winter :—

I. SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATION.

1. Illustrations of Old Testament History from the Monuments.
2. St. Luke's Gospel, Chapters I.—XIII.
3. The Shorter Catechism, Questions 39–81.
4. History of Protestant Missions.

II. SUBJECTS FOR ESSAYS.

1. For Junior Students : Israel in the Reign of Solomon.
2. For Senior Students : The Apologetic Value of the Character of Christ as portrayed in the Gospels.

It is hoped that this Syllabus may be found more than any of those preceding it provocative of interest for Bible Classes, &c., as the text-books, to be announced in due time, are not only cheap, but of permanent and unusual value. It is much to be desired that efforts may be made to secure their possession by the youth of the Church.

It is not proposed to incur again the expense of publishing the Syllabus separately, and circulating it throughout the Church. It is plain, if the Committee may judge from the ignorance displayed by young persons and others in reference to the subjects and regulations for competition, that in many cases the copies of the Syllabus sent out for distribution have not been used.

Full particulars regarding the next examination will be added to the

copies of the Report to be sent to all successful candidates at the recent examination; and the usual channels of information will be utilised for further publication.

The recent examination has been conducted by the following staff of Examiners:—

THE REIGN OF DAVID.

Examiner-in-Chief: Prof. ELSMLIE.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division—Section A.—The Rev. W. A. Walton, B.D., Berwick-on-Tweed. Section B.—The Rev. C. Friskin, Mount Picasant, Spennymoor.

Senior Division—Section A.—A. N. MacNicoll, Esq., London. Section B.—The Rev. J. T. Middlemiss, M.A., Sunderland.

THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS.

Examiner-in-Chief: The Rev. Dr. NICOLSON.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division—Section A.—The Rev. T. Howell, Stockton. Section B.—W. Rattray, Esq., Hulme Cliff College, Curbar, near Sheffield.

Senior Division—Section A.—J. Oswald, Esq., High School, Fallowfield, Manchester. Section B.—The Rev. A. H. Drysdale, Morpeth.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Examiner-in-Chief: The Rev. Dr. WRIGHT.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division—Section A.—Alexander Clark, Esq., M.A., London. Section B.—The Rev. James Fraser, M.A., Birkenhead.

Senior Division—Section A.—The Rev. J. Robertson, M.A., Pendleton, Manchester. Section B.—The Rev. J. Wallace, M.A., Redcar.

LIFE OF AUGUSTINE.

Examiner-in-Chief: Prof. MACALISTER.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division—Section A.—The Rev. W. Steele, M.A., S. Shields. Section B.—The Rev. W. Ferguson, Barrow-in-Furness.

Senior Division—Section A.—The Rev. G. Wilson, Canonbury, London. Section B.—The Rev. J. D. Watters, Cardiff.

The Examination Papers are appended to the Report (Appendix A).

The Essay Adjudicators for this year are, for the Senior Essays (on Arius and Athanasius), Professor Graham and Dr. Murphy; and for the Junior Essays (on The Life of the Apostle John), the Rev. J. J. Muir and Archibald Ferguson, Esq.

A few changes have been made by the Committee in the details of this department. To meet a wide and growing desire, successful candidates will in future be reported under the Congregations to which they belong. The classification of honours will be retained as before, but the names are no more to be arranged alphabetically under each class, but according to Presbyteries and Congregations. In all cases, as heretofore, Ministers and teachers of classes can have the values of the papers of their students on application to the Vice-Convener. Awards, also, will not be issued separately, but to those whose names are found in the Examination Schedules as undertaking responsibility in this matter.

It is extremely disappointing that so few Congregations have taken the trouble to report the numbers engaged in the study of the various

subjects. Even of those sending competitors a large number have avoided the slight kindness of replying to this question. As a consequence it is impossible to make any return under this head. It should also be noted that a considerable number of late schedules have been sent in, even up to March 12; and about a dozen lists of candidates have come on scraps of paper and post-cards, though a schedule was sent to each Congregation with the offer of additional copies if required.

It has been found desirable that the Committee should be in constant communication with the Board of Examiners (the examiners-in-chief), to give and receive suggestions as to the conduct of the examinations. This constant interchange of views will be most conveniently secured if the Convener of the Board (at present, Professor Elmslie) be always *ex officio* a member of the Committee. The Committee request the Synod to resolve accordingly.

It falls to Dr. Wright to retire from the Board at this time. The Committee recommend that he be cordially thanked for his three years' service in this capacity. They further recommend that the Rev. Dr. Murphy be appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Board. Hereafter one member of the Board will retire each year, and the term of service will therefore be four years.

The Committee deeply regret to have to announce the retirement of Mr. Macphail from the Higher Instruction Vice-Convenership, a post whose duties he has discharged from the beginning of this work with great ability and enthusiasm. It would be difficult to over-estimate the advantage to the Committee of Mr. Macphail's co-operation. He brought to the new enterprise a large experience of a similar scheme in connection with the Free Church of Scotland. Devoting to its organisation and management unstinted labour and patience, he has put the Higher Instruction Scheme in a few years on a footing of remarkable efficiency, which it could scarcely have attained under any other superintendence except after a much longer time, and a good deal of friction and confusion. It will not be easy to find a suitable successor; but if any one can fill the vacant place satisfactorily, it will be largely due to the care and pains of the first Vice-Conveners.

IV. *Day Schools*.—The Church is well aware of the necessity for the maintenance of Day Schools in connection with some of our Congregations in localities, chiefly in the north, where School Boards do not yet exist, and where but for these schools the children of our families could receive no secular education except one leavened by hostility to all Non-conformity. Meanwhile the schools seem essential to the very existence of our Church in these districts. Some of them have to contend with exceptional difficulties, especially in upland tracts, where the population is limited and scattered, the country exposed, and the schools necessarily small and poor, and at least during the winter the children often cannot be regularly in their places. The Committee will do what they can, in conjunction with Presbyteries, to secure and increase their efficiency—satisfied that they ought to be maintained, but anxious to make sure that they give their pupils an education which may fit them for all the duties of life. It may be advisable to let the Synodical grants depend, to some extent at least, on the results of the Annual

Government Examination, and authority is asked from the Synod to require each year along with the Annual Schedule a copy of the last report of Her Majesty's Inspector.

The Committee recommend that for this year the grants be as follows:—

Tweedmouth	. . . . .	£17 10 0
Horncliffe	. . . . .	15 0 0
Crookham	. . . . .	11 0 0
Bavington	. . . . .	15 0 0
Branton	. . . . .	10 0 0
Falstone	. . . . .	11 10 0
Kieldar	. . . . .	10 0 0
Plashetts	. . . . .	10 0 0
Hott	. . . . .	12 0 0
Wharton (Mixed)	. . . . .	10 0 0
„ (Infants)	. . . . .	10 0 0
Risley	. . . . .	15 0 0
Aston Tyrrold	. . . . .	10 0 0

N.B. The Grant to Plashetts is dependent on the continuance of the School, which is somewhat doubtful.

In a few cases special grants have been made towards the purchase of wall maps and similar requisites, on condition that at least half the cost be borne by local subscriptions. The Committee are much indebted to the Rev. John Reid, of Gosforth, who rendered the greatest service in the annual investigation into the condition and work of the schools; the Vice-Convener, the Rev. Thomas White, of Tynemouth, being unfortunately laid aside by severe illness.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,
Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 287.]

APPENDIX A.

HIGHER INSTRUCTION EXAMINATION PAPERS, MARCH 1886.

Two hours and a half allowed for answering each Paper.

THE REIGN OF DAVID (2 SAMUEL, &c.).

Examiner:—The Rev. W. G. ELMSLIE, M.A., Professor of Hebrew in London Presbyterian College.

Junior Division.

Section A.

1. Tell the story of Rizpah and her sons. (Value 30.)
2. What was the beginning of Ishbosheth's downfall, and how did he come by his death? (Value 40.)
3. Relate the history of Ziba's treachery, and what was the result of it? (Value 40.)
4. Name the most important of David's—
 - (a) Priests.
 - (b) Prophets.
 - (c) Generals.

(Value 40.)

Section B.

5. Describe the capture of Jerusalem, and explain its fitness to be the capital. (Value 30.)
 6. Compare the advice given to Absalom by Hushai and by Ahithophel, and show which was really best. (Value 40.)
 7. What was wrong in David's numbering the people, and how was he punished? (Value 40.)
 8. Sketch the elements of good and of evil in David's life and character. (Value 40.)
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Senior Division.

Section A.

1. What events happened at—
 (a) Hebron,
 (b) Mahanaim,
 (c) Gibeon? (Value 30.)
2. Narrate the incidents that marked the siege and capture of Rabbah. (Value 40.)
3. Why did David wish to build a temple, and what came of the proposal? (Value 40.)
4. What members of Saul's family are mentioned in the history of David's reign, and what became of them? (Value 40.)

Section B.

5. What troubles came on David—
 (a) Through his own errors,
 (b) Through the waywardness of his sons? (Value 30.)
 6. How did Absalom prepare his revolt, and what circumstances favoured him? (Value 40.)
 7. Describe the chief elements of David's army, and the sources of his revenue. (Value 40.)
 8. Sketch the elements of good and evil in David's life and character. (Value 40.)
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THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS (CHAPTERS I.-VIII.).

Examiner:—The Rev. W. MILLAR NICOLSON, M.A., D.Sc. (Edin.), Bristol.

Junior Division.

Section A.

1. How do we know that this Epistle was written by Paul? and to what events in his career do these words refer—'Separated unto the Gospel of God'? (Value 40.)
2. What proofs of the doctrine of Justification by Faith are drawn from the Old Testament? (Value 30.)
3. What special advantages are the Jews stated to have had as compared with the 'Gentiles'? On what footing do they severally stand in the Gospel Plan of Salvation? (Value 40.)
4. Enumerate some of the operations of the Divine Spirit in the heart of man; and some of the leading points of contrast between the operations of the flesh and of the Spirit in chap. viii. (Value 40.)

Section B.

5. Explain the meaning of these expressions, and the connection in which they are found—(a) Patience, (b) Earnest Expectation,
 (c) Justify, (d) Propitiation, (e) Imputed. (Value 50.)
6. Mention the two words which are used to describe the reception of believers into the family of God, and point out the rights so conferred. (Value 40.)
7. 'Just and the Justifier'—how does God combine these two requisites in His Plan of Salvation? (Value 30.)
8. Enumerate the results of tribulation when Divinely blessed. (Value 30.)

Senior Division.

Section A.

1. Under what circumstances is it probable that Paul wrote this Epistle? How far did his early training help to qualify him for the work? How was his wish to visit Rome gratified? (Value 45.)
2. Describe the moral state of the world at the advent of Christ; and the need for Divine revelation in order to elevate fallen humanity. (Value 40.)
3. In what connection does Paul quote the sophistry about 'doing evil that good may come'? What supposed relation had it to the Gospel Plan of Salvation? (Value 35.)
4. State and illustrate the various meanings and applications of the word 'Law.' (Value 30.)

Section B.

5. Explain these quotations, improving the rendering where possible—
 - (a) 'He that is dead is freed from sin.'
 - (b) 'That being dead wherein we were held.'
 - (c) 'Dead to the law by the body of Christ.'
 - (d) 'Without the law sin was dead.'
 (Value 40.)
6. In what respects is the work of the second Adam described as counteracting that of the first? (Value 40.)
7. State how the doctrine of Justification by Faith is proved by the case of Abraham, and suggest any way of reconciling Paul's views with those of James. (Value 35.)
8. On what grounds has the inward struggle of chap. vii. been referred to the unsaved only? How far has it been thought applicable to Christians? (Value 35.)

SHORTER CATECHISM (QUESTIONS 20-38).

Examiner :—The Rev. W. WRIGHT, D.D., British and Foreign Bible Society, London.

Junior Division.

Section A.

1. Answer the question—'Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?' and point out, in your own words, the motive, the means, and the purposes of God's election. (Value 40.)
2. Mention the different items involved in our Lord's Incarnation, and say what meaning you attach to the expression, 'True body and reasonable soul.' (Value 30.)
3. Point out, in order, the offices which Christ as our Redeemer executes, and the manner in which He executes each, and say what benefits we receive from Christ in each of His offices. (Value 40.)
4. What is meant by Christ's Humiliation and Exaltation, and what does He do for us under each condition? (Value 40.)

Section B.

5. What is the work of the Holy Spirit in making Redemption effectual to the sinner? (Value 35.)
6. Say what are Justification, Adoption, and Sanctification: and point out in your own words the manner in which Justification differs from Sanctification. (Value 40.)
7. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death? and at the resurrection? (Value 35.)
8. What is Effectual Calling? and what benefits come to those who are so called? and say why the word 'Effectual' is used. (Value 45.)

Senior Division.

Section A.

1. Explain the meaning of the word Grace, and show how in its manifestation it differs from Love. (Value 35.)
2. Answer the question—'Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?' and comment on each item of the answer, explaining and contrasting the personal name and the official name of our blessed Lord. (Value 25.)
3. What is meant by our Lord taking to Himself '*a true body*' and '*a reasonable soul*'? and what was Docetism? and the Apollinarian heresy? (Value 60.)
4. Mention the offices which Christ as our Redeemer executes, and quote passages of Scripture bearing on each. (Value 30.)

Section B.

5. Explain the meaning of the word Priest, and point out what is involved in the Priesthood of Christ. (Value 35.)
6. Answer the question—'What is Effectual Calling'? and quote Scripture in support of each clause. (Value 25.)
7. Is Assurance of the Essence of Faith? (Value 40.)
8. Comment on each clause of the Answers as to what is Justification and Sanctification, and point out clearly the distinction between Justification and Sanctification. (Value 50.)

CHURCH HISTORY: LIFE OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

Examiner:—A. MACALISTER, ESQ., M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Anatomy, Cambridge University.

Junior Division.

Section A.

1. Where was Hippo? Tell what you know of the place, and of the circumstances under which Augustine was ordained as Presbyter there. Were similar circumstances very unusual at that period? (Value 40.)
2. Who was Victorinus, and what was the influence of his example in the conversion of St. Augustine? (Value 30.)
3. Give an account of the chief incidents in the life of St. Augustine from the time of his leaving Carthage until the period of his conversion. (Value 50.)
4. What is the nature of Augustine's work, 'The City of God'? Tell what you know of its object and scope. (Value 30.)

Section B.

5. Tell what you know of Alypius. What influence had he upon Augustine's life? (Value 35.)
6. What were the relations which subsisted between Augustine and Jerome? Give any particulars concerning any controversies in which they were engaged. (Value 30.)
7. Who were the Donatists, and what position did Augustine take with regard to them? (Value 40.)
8. What influence has Augustine exercised over the Theology of the Christian Church, and of what particular doctrines was he specially the exponent? (Value 45.)

Senior Division.

Section A.

1. Give an account of the controversy on the subject of 'Original Sin.' What position did Augustine take in it? State the views which he held upon this subject. (Value 40.)

2. Compare Donatism with Novatianism and Montanism. How can you account for the rise of these heresies in the African Church? (Value 35.)
3. Sketch the rise of Augustinian Monachism. What were its earliest characteristics? Illustrate these characters by any incidents recorded in your text-book. (Value 45.)
4. What were the circumstances under which Augustine's book on 'Order' originated? Give an account of the book. (Value 30.)

Section B.

5. What were the peculiar tenets of the Manichees? Tell all you know of the rise of this heresy, and of its influence on the early Church. (Value 35.)
6. What light do the ecclesiastical controversies of the period of Augustine throw upon the relations of the Bishop of Rome to the other bishops of the Christian Church? (Value 30.)
7. Give an account of the Conference of Carthage, and of the circumstances under which it was called. (Value 35.)
8. What views did Augustine hold on the subjects of Predestination and Final Perseverance? How far were these views adopted by the early Church? and briefly trace the teachings of the Churches in later times on these doctrines. (Value 50.)

APPENDIX B.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

HIGHER INSTRUCTION SCHEME, 1885-86.

REPORTS ON EXAMINATIONS.

A. STATEMENTS OF RESULTS.

THE number of successful Candidates is considerably larger this year than in 1885, although a larger number than at any previous examination then gained the Committee's awards. The Examiners report favourably of the character of the papers submitted to them. The failures are not numerous, except amongst the Junior candidates in the Old Testament Examination, one-sixth of whom have not reached the standard for a pass. But a good many of these were within a very few marks of success, and they must not allow themselves to be deterred from the Examination in future years. Fewer essays have been forwarded than in previous years, but of those which have been sent in a goodly proportion merit much praise. The Committee hope that the young people of the Church will be stimulated by the encouraging results of the year's labours.

The Committee think it needful to call attention to the fact that many papers of answers (above fifty) were not received by the Sub-Examiners until three, four, five, or even six days after the dates of the Examinations. They are most unwilling to punish the Candidates for the remissness of others. But it must be quite plain both that these delays vexatiously hinder the work of the Examiners and that if unchecked they might lead to serious abuses in the conduct of the

Examination. The Committee will be compelled in future to exclude from the competition all papers posted to the Examiners later than the day following the Examination. They have to ask the Synod to sanction the arrangements they made for the Old Testament Examination at Upper Norwood. By an unfortunate oversight the names of Candidates in that Congregation were not transmitted to the Vice-Convenor, the mistake not being discovered until the day appointed for the Examination. The Examination was held two days later, the Candidates before beginning their papers signing a declaration that they had neither seen the questions nor heard anything about them. The Committee, to prevent the grievous disappointment of the young people, have approved of what was done, subject to the consent of the Synod, which in all the circumstances they think may safely be granted.

The returns of the Examiners and the Essay Adjudicators are as follows:—

SENIORS.

	Medals	Distinction	Credit	Passes	Total
II. Samuel	3	23	49	38	113
Epistle to the Romans .	1	10	27	36	74
Shorter Catechism . .	8	26	26	5	65
Church History . . .	2	10	18	8	38
Essays	*3	2	2	—	7
Total	17	71	122	87	297

JUNIORS.

	Medals	Distinction	Credit	Passes	Total
II. Samuel	3	41	117	57	218
Epistle to the Romans .	1	8	11	7	27
Shorter Catechism . .	7	56	62	17	142
Church History . . .	5	11	12	4	32
Essays	*2	2	6	2	12
Total	18	118	208	87	431

* Prizes in Books are given in Essay subjects, instead of Medals, under regulations previously made public.

B. REPORTS OF EXAMINERS-IN-CHIEF.

1. II. Samuel.

The answers of the Candidates have been read with much interest by the Sub-Examiners and by myself. There is of course the greatest variety of ability and culture displayed in the style and workmanship of the papers. This year I have the impression that careful preparation of the subject has been more generally made than in former years. The

average of merit on somewhat lengthy papers is exceedingly good, and in both divisions there are answers of remarkable skill and ability.

W. G. ELSLIE.

2. *Epistle to the Romans.*

The subject has been well handled by the Senior candidates, and, formidable as it may seem for younger minds, some junior papers of varying merit have been sent in. The results in both sections are, in the main, eminently creditable, and it is gratifying to find so many traces of earnest thoughtfulness among the younger portion of our Congregations.

In the senior papers I have much satisfaction in acknowledging the valuable help given by Mr. Oswald, of the High School, Fallowfield, Manchester, and by Rev. A. H. Drysdale, of Morpeth, each of whom examined half the answers of the several candidates. Their careful labours made all the easier the task of combining and balancing their estimates of the work of each candidate, which I did in all the papers. In the junior papers the Rev. T. Howell, Stockton, and Mr. Rattray, of Hulme Cliff College, Sheffield, gave similar and valuable help, going over the papers twice, and some even three times, to ensure a fair estimate. The latter gentleman sends a criticism which cannot fail to yield general satisfaction, and deepen the interest taken in this work. He says: 'I have been greatly pleased and much interested in some of the answers, as they evidence a personal experience of the grace and truth they are writing of; and of young people this is specially cheering.'

Though this subject may not have been so widely popular as some of the others, yet the choice of the Committee is, it seems to me, justified by the high results attained. Only five senior papers and seven junior papers were absolutely rejected.

WM. MILLAR NICOLSON

3. *Shorter Catechism.*

I have examined the replies to my questions, on this my third and last year as Examiner, with growing interest and satisfaction.

A few of the pupils had evidently not made up the subjects, and from these I had vague preaching instead of intelligent and accurate replies.

A somewhat larger number had learned the text-book by heart, but did not seem to understand what they had learned.

The great majority, however, of the pupils had thoroughly mastered the subjects on which they were to be examined, and were able not only to give precise and accurate definitions, but also to restate in their own words the cardinal doctrines of salvation in their relations to each other. Most of the replies as to justification and sanctification, faith and assurance, love and grace, were clearly conceived, and expressed with much discrimination. Such definite knowledge will, by the blessing of God, lead to strong religious conviction, without which religion will be a mere fashion with our young people, as it seems to be with so many around them.

W. WRIGHT.

4. *Senior Essays (on Arius and Athanasius).*

Of the seven essays on *Arius and Athanasius*, those with the mottoes *Johanna*, *Faith and Hope*, and *Forti nihil difficile* stand first, second, and third in order of merit. Two others are highly creditable performances, and their failure to secure prizes would be a matter of real regret to the scrutineers, if it were not felt that the preparation of such conscientious pieces of work brought with it a richer reward than any the Higher Instruction Committee could confer. All the essays were most painstakingly done, but almost all would have been the better for being less elaborate, and more selective.

A. C. MURPHY, *Convener*.

5. *Junior Essays (on the Life of the Apostle John).*

Some of the papers bore curious evidence of the penetration of fiction even into the sphere of Scriptural history. And of several it is not too severe to say that they showed a great want of perception of the difference between Scriptural statement and tradition. The best of the essays struck me as admirable papers to be written by persons under twenty years of age. The majority were creditable to the diligence of their authors. One of the best papers is classed low because the writer, after using only about one-third of the allowed space (6,000 words), suddenly closes, leaving one part of his subject treated in a good, fresh style, while what should have formed at least as great a bulk of the essay is dismissed in a sentence or two.

JOHN JAMES MUIR, *Convener*.

XIII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
TEMPERANCE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

YOUR Committee are glad to report that practical interest in Temperance work appears, from the information that has reached them, to be steadily advancing throughout the Church. In several instances the Presbytery Committees, under energetic leadership, are doing much to awaken and direct the sympathy of our people; and the success of their efforts is very encouraging, as giving indication of a growing desire in the Church to regard the evils of intemperance as a claim on her prayerful vigilance.

ACTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

Circular to Sessions.—At their first meeting after Synod your Committee decided to issue a circular to Sessions, drawing attention to the Synod's resolution, and urging the formation of congregational associations wherever practicable. They have already received evidence that work has been set on foot in several quarters in response to their appeal.

Manual.—Inquiry having been made for a brief and handy statement of the Church's position on the Temperance question, and the way in which members could go to work to help the movement, your Committee resolved to publish a manual containing such information at a low price. At their request, the Rev. D. Matheson, of Putney, prepared a draft which was afterwards edited by the executive and issued from the Church's publishing office.¹ This little work has met with a ready sale.

¹ *Manual of the Presbyterian Church of England Temperance Society*, 14 Paternoster Square. Price One Penny.

List of Recommended Temperance Tracts.—Your Committee are further indebted to the Rev. D. Matheson for his careful preparation of a list of Tracts of special fitness for our work. This list your Committee have printed, and it will doubtless be found very valuable to Temperance workers.

Temperance Tracts.—Another member of the Committee, Mr. J. M. Douglas, has at his own instance and expense circulated Temperance Tracts amongst the Ministers and office-bearers, and has also made a generous offer to supply a number of copies gratuitously to Ministers applying for them. For this practical help in their work your Committee have accorded to Mr. Douglas their best thanks.

PRESBYTERY REPORTS.

1. *Berwick.*—Of fifteen Congregations, ten have Temperance organisations, and one is about to commence work. Almost every Minister preaches an annual sermon on the subject, or makes special reference to it in the course of his ordinary ministrations. ‘Interest in the question is growing.’

2. *Birmingham.*—At present the Band of Hope is the only form of special congregational association; but many of these are vigorously and successfully conducted. The Committee recommends the appointment by each Congregation of a Temperance Committee to act in connection with the Session.

3. *Bristol.*—No report received.

4. *Carlisle.*—Fourteen Congregations. One Adult Society. Six have Bands of Hope; Warwick Road, Carlisle, has four. In six cases annual Temperance sermons are preached, and Market Place, Whitehaven, has held a Special Gospel Temperance Mission.

5. *Darlington.*—Presbyterial Temperance Association: ten ministerial members: eight total abstainers. Seven Bands of Hope; one Adult Society, with 100 members. ‘Public opinion is being certainly and rapidly leavened by total abstinence principles.’

6. *Liverpool.*—‘Temperance work is taking hold of the Presbytery.’ The Committee suggests the holding of occasional public meetings under its auspices, and also a Presbyterial Conference on the subject.

7. *London.*—The Committee lay stress on the distribution of carefully chosen Temperance Tracts. The Presbytery recommends Ministers to preach at least once in the year on the subject of Temperance.

8. *Manchester.*—‘There is a continued increase in the amount of interest in the Temperance cause within the Congregations of the Presbytery. Only five Congregations have no special organisation. Total membership of existing organisations is over four thousand five hundred.’ The Presbytery’s Band of Hope Union is doing good work in assisting to provide speakers, and through the Choral Union which has arisen in connection with it. Union Street Mission (conducted by Brunswick Street Church) has taken 118 new pledges in the Band of Hope during the year.

9. *Newcastle.*—No report received.

10. *Northumberland.*—The Convener states: ‘There are Temperance Societies in connection with several of our Congregations, and I believe all our Ministers are doing something in the interests of Temperance. In this district drunkenness is on the decrease.’

STATISTICS.

THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS ARE TAKEN FROM THE SCHEDULES RETURNED
TO THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE.

Presbytery	Congrega- tions	No. of Societies			Membership
		Adult	Juve- nile	Total	
Berwick	15	8	3	11	727
Birmingham	15	1	10	11	473
Bristol	9	—	3	3	190
Carlisle	14	—	10	10	644
Darlington	20	3	7	10	838
Liverpool	34	23	24	47	5,367
London	81	21	48	69	5,879
Manchester	30	13	19	32	3,937
Newcastle	44	10	32	42	5,158
Northumberland	24	2	3	5	258
	286	81	159	240	23,471
Returns for previous year	283	66	131	197	19,356

(In some cases the membership of Societies has not been stated.)

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

ROBERT WALES,
Convener.

XIV.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROVISION
FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR SOLDIERS
AND SAILORS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

YOUR Committee have not much to report in the way of work done during the last twelve months, beyond the fact that the moral and spiritual well-being of the Presbyterians in the national forces has been carefully attended to by our Ministers who have served as acting chaplains in the respective military districts and stations where a Presbyterian ministry exists.

Your Committee regret still to have to report that, as they think, a sufficient number of Presbyterian chaplains are not appointed to minister to the troops ordered on foreign service ; and further, that the War Office does not afford facilities for the appointment of commissioned chaplains from the ranks of the Presbyterian Church of England, or from those of any of the other free Presbyterian Churches.

The attention of the Committee during the year was directed to the case of a Presbyterian soldier, who suffered imprisonment at Cairo for several months for disobeying military orders in refusing to attend the Wesleyan Methodist chaplain's service in that city.

Correspondence took place with reference to the case between the Committee, the Judge Advocate-General, and the War Office, but the authorities refused to give way, on the ground that, as the offence primarily consisted in disobeying orders, the interests of discipline would not admit of its being condoned.

Had a Presbyterian chaplain been stationed at Cairo, which was a great centre for British troops at the time, the difficulty would not have arisen.

While working alongside the Free and United Presbyterian Churches of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, in their endeavour to have chaplains attached to the troops on foreign service, much regret was experienced that the Free Church of Scotland received from the War Office what appeared to the Committee to be an undeserved rebuff.

Reports have been received from the chaplains at Alderney, Bradford, Brighton, Canterbury, Chatham, Chester, Eastbourne, Gravesend, Guernsey, Liverpool, Norwich, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Sunderland, Warrington, and York.

The Committee embody in their report some interesting extracts from the chaplains' reports.

The Rev. Joseph Wood, *Plymouth*, reports :—

The total number of Presbyterians under my care during the year 1885 was 651. Of these, 427 were soldiers and 124 sailors and marines. The number of Presbyterian soldiers was rather less in the past year than in the preceding, as in the preceding year we had, for a short time, two Scotch regiments in this garrison, whereas last year we had only one. But the presence of a Scotch regiment at all with us is a rare occurrence, and now that the Gordon Highlanders have left, it may be years before we are favoured with another kilted regiment.

My experience is that, except in purely Scotch regiments, the number of Presbyterians in the army is gradually on the decline; the place once filled by men from the North of Ireland and Scotland is now occupied by Irish Romanists.

A steadier supply of Presbyterians comes from the boys and men of Her Majesty's navy. We have two large training ships at the port, and amongst the thousands of boys on board there is always a good proportion of Scotch lads; these are sent ashore each Sabbath, weather permitting, and I take the charge of them myself, and I must say that as far as conduct, attention, and intelligence are concerned, they are exemplary. I endeavour to make the best use of the short time these youths are under my care, by pressing upon them the immediate claims of the Lord Jesus Christ upon their heart and life. I represent to them the importance of at once closing with the offer of salvation, as in a short time they will pass into seagoing ships, never to enjoy again such privileges; and I also urge the importance of their knowing Christ now, so that they may carry with them wherever they go the Gospel which they have found of such value to themselves, and thus become missionaries at the expense of the country.

My work amongst the boys is greatly aided by Christian officers on board the training ships. One of these officers has written to me to say that any of my boys who would like to have a quiet place for reading the Scriptures and prayer in the evening can have the use of his private cabin.

We had an interesting case of a boy from Stornoway, who died in the hospital after a few weeks' illness. He knew English only imperfectly, Gaelic being his mother tongue. I procured for him a Gaelic Testament, and found a friend, a member of my Church, who could converse with him intelligently in his own language; this was the greatest comfort to the boy, who passed peacefully away. His parents have since written expressing their gratitude for the attention shown their son.

We have had also the death of a soldier in the Military Hospital, who ascribed his conversion to a sermon preached by myself.

Colonel Anderson still labours with great zeal in these towns, and gives much of his time to the Soldiers' Home. The officers' Bible class is conducted weekly; this forms a pleasant and profitable reunion for officers in both services.

The Rev. C. P. Way, *Alderney*, reports :—

We have now had nearly three years' most interesting work amongst our soldiers in Alderney, during which time several changes have taken place. Of course this is more or less a hindrance to our work, for as soon as we begin to gain an influence over the men they are removed. Let us hope that the good seed sown may prove a lasting blessing to them. It has always been our aim, especially on Sabbath mornings, to preach practical Gospel sermons, as earnestly and persuasively as lay in our power.

We have been much cheered by frequently seeing some of the men at the Sabbath evening services, and also on week evenings.

Perhaps the best field of work among the troops is the *Hospital*, which is visited weekly. My plan is to go through the wards, whether there are any Presbyterians there or not, and speak earnest and sympathetic words to all. I have always had a most hearty welcome and been listened to with the greatest respect, distributing among them illustrated religious periodicals and papers of various kinds, which, with the *Presbyterian Messenger*, are eagerly received. At the commencement of the year each soldier in hospital and all the married men were presented with a motto card, which they seemed to highly appreciate.

We have now the largest number of Presbyterians in garrison that Alderney has seen for some years; at present there are 120, and more are expected.

We are projecting different schemes for profiting and interesting the soldiers socially, mentally, and spiritually. There have been several baptisms during the year and one marriage. We had the pleasure some months ago of baptising one of the soldiers' wives, who had been a Roman Catholic, together with her two children, the husband being a Presbyterian. We earnestly pray that much spiritual blessing may accrue to the men under our charge and influence during their sojourn with us, making them good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

The Rev. H. Millican, *Guernsey*, reports:—

In the middle of December the Gordon Highlanders—five companies, numbering about 320 men—garrisoned Guernsey. Our Church is filled to its utmost capacity at the morning diet of worship, as most of the men are Presbyterians, and their attendance on Church parade proves a powerful attraction to civilians. The evening congregation is also very largely increased. A select portion of the band voluntarily leads the service of song with suitable instruments, both morning and evening. Through the kind consideration of my civilian friends, I am able to devote a large portion of my time to work of different kinds among the military, and the families of the married men. The tax on my strength is great, yet, with the blessing of God, I hope to keep abreast of the new demands made upon me. I confidently expect good spiritual results, as not a few of the men are seriously disposed. I know they highly appreciate the arrangements my friends have made for their comfort in Church, and the efforts put forth for meeting the greater needs of their spiritual nature.

The Rev. W. Harvey Jellie, *Canterbury*, reports:—

An inconstant year at this depôt, drafts having gone from us with unusual frequency to the Indian frontiers.

Attendance of troops at Church has averaged forty a Sunday, the members having fallen to twenty and risen to eighty.

Several instances have occurred which prove a real encouragement to Christian work among the men, if not of positive conversion, certainly of earnest religious interest.

One fine young man was brought under strong religious feelings, and I have reason to hope he left here with the true grace of God in his soul. We had him frequently to our house; he was a devoted attendant at all our Church services, and he exerted a healthful influence at the barracks among his comrades. We trust he may acquit himself a living witness for the Lord Jesus.

In the recent addition to my congregation of Captain and Mrs. Godfrey I have found great satisfaction, and am happy to record that, at my instigation, they commenced a Sunday afternoon class for young women, which is largely attended, and is prized as a centre of spiritual interest at my Church.

The Rev. Andrew Lees, *Chatham*, reports :—

I have the honour to report that there has been an average of from fifty to sixty artificers and blue jackets marched to morning service during the year.

Three marines and two of their wives have become members of the Church during the past twelve months, and two of them regularly take part in our prayer meeting.

Five artificers have united with the Church in the year.

I visit the hospital regularly and attend to the sick men there under my care.

This year, so far, I have been called upon twice to preach at the Church of England hospital for soldiers here, and of course I am pleased to go.

The Rev. Alexander Jeffrey, *Ipswich*, reports :—

The number of Presbyterian troops stationed here during the past year has been under the average, but unexpected doors of usefulness have been opened, so that the work has not been without interest, nor, I trust, without fruit. During the year I have personally undertaken and carried out a monthly distribution of suitable tracts at the barracks, and in this way have been brought in contact with *all the men*. My visits have been always welcomed with evident pleasure, and the tracts thankfully received and read. I hope not only to continue but to extend this work during the coming year.

The circumstances attending the death of one of our Presbyterian soldiers on the 21st instant produced a profound impression on the troops, and excited an unusual amount of sympathy on the part of the townspeople, so that in connection with the sad event I had an unusual opportunity, of which I availed myself, from my own pulpit, in the cemetery chapel, and at the grave, of speaking some earnest words on the duty of being prepared to die, by living a life of faith in the Son of God. Trumpeter William John Irvine was so seriously injured by the kick of a vicious horse that he died, after a few hours' painful suffering, on Sunday morning, February 21. Although only a lad of eighteen, he had, by his bright disposition and exemplary conduct, won the esteem and affection of his comrades to an unusual degree, whilst the circumstance that, only a short time before his death, he had, by his courage and presence of mind, saved the life of a fellow-soldier whilst on duty, had gained him the respect of many of the townspeople. Besides this, he was 'the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.' He was buried on the 24th instant with full military honours, and amid expressions of public regret rarely shown in the case of one in so humble a position. The Mayor of Ipswich stood side by side with your chaplain at the grave. Many thousands assembled in the cemetery, the crowd being so dense that a cordon of sentries had to be placed along each side of the road from the chapel to the grave, to keep a path clear for the funeral procession. It is my earnest hope and prayer that the deep impression made on his comrades by the early and sudden death of one so much beloved may be permanent, and that the seed of the Word sown on ground thus specially prepared, may, in the case of many, bring forth fruit unto eternal life.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JAMES CHRISTIE,

Convener.

XV.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRAISE,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE principal business of the Committee during the past year consisted in the issue of the Query Sheet appended to the present report, and the tabulation of the more important information elicited by its means from the Congregations of the Church. As the Synod had on two successive occasions 'earnestly recommended' the formation of a 'Service of Praise Committee in every Presbytery, a Choral Association in every town or district, and a Class or Classes for Instruction in the Art of Music in every Congregation and Sunday School,' it seemed reasonable that the Public Praise Committee should take some steps to ascertain how far these recommendations had been carried into effect. They have pleasure in reporting that the response to the series of questions they ventured to address to Church Sessions has been very general, and on the whole very satisfactory. There were in all 150 returns. It was found difficult to collect such information as could be properly methodised under Queries I. and II., the Choral Association, Class for Instruction, and Choir being variously confounded or identified with one another in the answers. It appeared that Choirs are all but universal, 140 answering 'yes,' and 7 'no' to Query III. 127 report the possession of an instrument of music, and 22 answer in the negative. 119, have adopted *Church Praise*, 26 not. Only a small minority of the 119, however, 37 in all, avail themselves of the *Bible Psalter*. A large number use anthems occasionally, few regularly. 105 sing a children's hymn regularly, 16 sometimes, 25 never. 83 use *School Praise*, 51 do not. Query VII. has elicited a considerable variety of suggestions. Expression marks in the cheaper editions of *Church Praise*, and a cheaper edition of *School Praise* with the simple melodies, are desired. Some think the *Bible Psalter* should be re-pointed and re-set. Some desire a simpler collection of *Anthems*. Some would like to have a cheap and simple *manual* on the theory and practice of music recommended by the Synod. Others consider that the Synod should appoint a competent *musical instructor* to visit the Congregations in rotation, or as he might be invited. Others think that an introductory *lecture* on Church song, by some one commissioned by the Synod, at the beginning of the class season would be helpful.

It did not fall within the scope of the Committee's purpose to inquire how far Presbyteries had formed 'Service of Praise' Committees

in compliance with the Synod's recommendation, but they consider the Synod should take immediate steps to have such Committees appointed, or at least to have one member of each Presbytery charged with the task of keeping alive the interest of the Court in the matter of congregational song.

Submitted, on behalf of Committee, by

A. C. MURPHY,

Convener.

APPENDIX.

- I. Is there any choral association in your neighbourhood ?
 1. Who conducts it ?
 2. What is the charge for membership ?
- II. Is there a class for musical instruction in your congregation ?
 1. Who conducts it ?
 2. By how many is it attended ?
- III. Have you a congregational choir ?
 1. Who conducts it ?
 2. Of how many is it composed ?
 3. Is there a weekly practice ?
 4. Are the various parts properly represented ?
- IV. Have you an organ ?
- V. Have you adopted *Church Praise* ?
 1. Do you use the *Bible Psalter* ?
 2. Do you follow any particular order in the use of it ?
 3. Do you use the anthems ?
 4. Do you wish for the musical score of those anthems of which only the words are given in *Church Praise* (27—69) ?
 5. Do you sing a children's hymn ?
- VI. Do you propose introducing *School Praise* ?
- VII. Can you suggest any way in which you may be assisted in your efforts to improve the congregational song ?

XVI.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

YOUR Committee have to report that the Periodicals of the Church have been issued regularly during the year.

Your Committee, in concert with the members specially appointed by the Synod to consider in what manner a better use may be made of the Press for the dissemination of the intelligence and principles of this and other Presbyterian Churches, resolved to make such changes in the size, shape, name, and editing of the 'Messenger' as would make it more attractive and popular. They accordingly resolved to issue it as a twenty-four page monthly of the same size and appearance as the 'Free Church Monthly,' and so to arrange the issue that the publisher of the 'Presbyterian' would be able to adopt the 'Monthly Messenger' in lieu of a week's issue of that paper. They further agreed to contract with the manager of the 'Presbyterian' to supply the monthly number at the price that was being paid for the current monthly journal. And they appointed a Committee of their number to advise with the editor, not only in regard to the monthly, but also in regard to the weekly issue, at the same time recording their decision that no Committee of the Church is any way responsible for anything but the monthly publication called 'The Presbyterian Messenger and Missionary Record of the Presbyterian Church of England.' The altered form of the weekly issue was published in the first week of July 1885, and the August number was the first monthly issue. Considerable improvements have been made in the paper, and time and experience will lead to more.

For a short time the weekly issue consisted of only sixteen pages, and in this form the paper was being carried on with a prospective loss of £135 a year. The Committee, however, resolved to increase each issue to twenty-four pages, as the other was found to be too small for practical purposes. This has increased the rate of annual loss to about £250.

The Committee believe that the only way to maintain a weekly paper is to continue the union that has been established between the monthly and weekly journals. And being convinced that a serious loss would befall the Church if it were deprived of the help of a weekly organ devoted to its interests, the Committee recommend the Synod to instruct them to take charge of both issues of the paper for the ensuing twelve months by way of experiment. The pecuniary loss will, it is hoped, under careful management, gradually disappear.

The issue of the monthly number amounts to 18,500, including 3,000 distributed chiefly in Scotland by the Foreign Mission Committee. The gross profits during the past year have fallen to £80 14s. 5½d.

Though the circulation of the 'Children's Messenger' remains steady there has been a small reduction in the gross profits as compared with the previous year, amounting to £140 1s. 2d.

'Our Sisters in Other Lands' has been regularly issued on behalf of the Women's Missionary Association.

The sale of the Shorter Catechism has been considerable, but as new editions of the Proof Catechism had to be produced the profit for this year amounts only to £4 18s. 6d.

On account of the Book of Order being under revision, it was resolved not to reprint it when it ran out of print until after the meeting of Synod, and during a large portion of the year the Committee have had no copies for sale.

Nearly 13,000 copies of the different editions of 'Church Praise' were sold during the year, and 15,000 copies of 'School Praise.' The sales of 'Church Praise' continue high, though lower than in previous years. In 1883, the year of publication, they amounted to 18,500, and in 1884 to 17,000.

The New Year's Address to the young people of the Church, entitled 'A Great Feast,' written by the Rev. Robert Taylor, at the request of your Committee, and that on the Instruction of Youth were published, but owing to the late period at which the copy was received, and the consequent lateness of its publication, only 6,500 copies were sold of the 10,000 that were printed. However, the cost has been very nearly repaid by the sales.

After communication with the Synod's Committee on the Instruction of Youth, your Committee resolved to introduce to our Schools the Westminster Helps prepared by the Presbyterian Church of North America, being satisfied that they were the most valuable aids to both teachers and scholars that were published. The Committee regret that through accidents, which cannot be charged to the Board of Guardians at Philadelphia, the introduction of these Helps has met with only partial success. They hope that experience will enable them to perfect the arrangements for the regular and early supply of these publications in the future.

Your Committee have issued, on behalf of the Synod's Committee on the Instruction of Youth, the rules for the organisation and management of Sabbath Schools adopted by last Synod. They have been extensively used. They have also published on behalf of the Temperance Committee the rules for the organisation of Temperance societies and Bands of Hope.

In July last the Committee removed to larger and more suitable premises at 14 Paternoster Square, their former place being required by its owners for their own business. The removal, including the necessary alterations required in the new premises, cost £100.

The trading account of the year has yielded a gross profit of only £237 17s. 2½d. The Committee have been unable to discover any reason for the small percentage of profit on the returns as compared with previous years. The total gross profits from the various sources amount to £448 6s. 7¾d., but as expenses amounted to £717 12s. 8d., there is a deficit of £269 6s. 0¼d., which nearly consumes the whole of the previous profits made by the Committee.

GEORGE B. BRUCE,

Chairman of the Committee, in absence of Convener.

[For Financial Statement see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p 289.]

XVII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND
HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

IN accordance with the instruction of the Synod, your Committee have given their consideration to Chap. I., Section 3, Clause 7, of the Book of Order, as follows: 'All the Courts are open to the members of the Church, but it is competent for any of them, when expedient, to sit with closed door.' By long and established practice the highest Courts of the Church—the Synod, or Assembly, as well as the Presbytery—have been open Courts; therefore, any question as to the policy of the Courts being open can only apply to the Session. It has, therefore, been suggested that, having regard to the delicate character of much of the business of such Courts, often involving questions on morals and the conduct of members of the Church, it is not desirable to declare that the same are at all times open to all members. On the other hand, there is nothing in the greater part of the ordinary work of Sessions that cannot be discussed in open court, whilst in the terms of the clause it is always competent in the Court, where expedient, to sit with closed door. There is a manifest advantage in setting down a uniform rule applicable to all the Courts alike; and after giving to the whole matter due consideration, we have the honour to report, 'That the Committee see no reason to recommend any change in the clause.'

The Synod further remitted to this Committee to consider the precise extent to which the Congregations and Courts of the Church are, or ought to be, bound by the regulations contained in the Book of Order. The Synod, in sanctioning the issue of the Book of Order in 1882, resolved in the following terms: 'That deeming it useful in maintaining uniformity in the procedure of the Church, the Synod adopt the same, and recommend its use in all the Courts of the Church, as well as in Congregation and by Board of Managers, with the understanding that all the rules are subject to the provisions contained in the Trust Deeds and to authorised Constitutions, whether sanctioned by their respective Presbyteries or otherwise.' As indicated in the Preface, the Book of Order is not a code of laws, but a representation of the consuetudinary practice or Common Law of the Church. Nevertheless, the Book of Order does certainly fulfil, and it is desirable that it should

fulfil, the character of a standard or authorised Guide. The more, therefore, the Book of Order is recognised by the Synod in that capacity, the better it will accomplish its object in unifying the Church and giving it a well-established constitutional course of procedure. Taking this broad view of the object of the Book of Order, your Committee resolved to recommend the Synod to declare that the Book of Order is authoritative as to procedure in Congregations and Church Courts, save in cases otherwise provided for by Trust Deeds of churches, or special constitutions of Congregations, or long-established usages.

Your Committee have considered the expediency of facilitating in some way reference to a legal adviser, and your Convener was authorised to confer with Charles Edward Lewis, Esq., M.P., who for a considerable time acted, at least unofficially, in that capacity. Mr. Lewis is of opinion that this Church is large enough, and has business enough, to need the appointment of a regular law adviser, who should, of course, be a member of the Communion. He is of opinion that a very moderate general fee would suffice, having regard to contingent business arising. Your Committee recommend that the question be referred to them again for further negotiation on the subject, with authority to appoint such officer.

The Synod resolved last year to direct Presbyteries to take order that a return be made to this Committee, for presentation to Synod, of all the Trust Deeds of churches within their respective bounds, containing as far as possible the same details as have been given from the Presbytery of Carlisle. Your Committee regret to report that no such returns have as yet been made to them, and will be glad if the Synod will renew the order.

The Historical Essay on the Presbyterian Church of England, committed by your Committee to the Rev. A. H. Drysdale, has not yet come into their hands, but the amount required for the same has not been fully provided. Your Committee recommend the renewal of the grant of £25 for the same, and they also solicit liberal contributions from private members of the Church, it being most important that there be sufficient funds for the publication of the work when ready. A portion of the work is expected to be ready for publication early next year. Your Committee have great hopes that the Essay will throw much light on the History of Presbyterians in England.

In connection with Historical Documents relating to the Presbyterian Church of England, your Committee's attention has been directed by an officer of the Public Record Office (Ernest G. Atkinson, Esq.) to two volumes of the Registration of Preaching Licences granted to Nonconformists under the Indulgence of 1672, affording an almost complete directory to Presbyterianism in England and Wales. Referring to these two volumes, Mr. Atkinson says :—

Among the State Papers of the reign of Charles II., preserved in the Public Record Office, is a volume lettered at the back, ' Preaching Licences—Domestic Entry Book.' This volume contains a list of all the licences to preach granted to Nonconformists under the ' Indulgence ' of 1672. Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and Baptists figure mostly in the book, the first-named being in the majority. There are some licences granted to Anabaptists,

but none appear to have been given to Romanists. The volume is of great value and interest to English Presbyterians, as it affords an almost complete directory to Presbyterianism in England and Wales in 1672. Not only are the names of the 'teachers,' as they are called, specified, but also the names of the places licensed for worship. Under the indulgence three forms of licence were granted—one allowing the person therein named to preach in a certain place; another authorising the use of a specified place for worship after the manner of the Nonconformists applying for the same; and the third allowing a person to preach in any licensed place. These various forms are preserved among the State Papers of Charles II.'s reign, as are also some original licences, and the famous Indulgence itself, which runs as follows :—

' CHARLES R.

His Maties Declaration
to all his Loveing Subjects.

' Our care and Endeavours for the preservation of the Rights and Interests of the Church have been sufficiently manifested to the World by the whole course of Our Government since Our happy Restauration, and by the many and frequent wayes of Coercion that Wee have used for reducing all erring or dissenting persons, and for composinge the unhappy differences in matters of Religion, which Wee found among Our Subjects upon Our Returne. But it being evident by the sad experience of twelve yeares that there is very little fruite of all those forceable Courses, Wee thinke Our Selfe oblidged to make use of that Supream Power in Ecclesiasticall Matters which is not onely inherent in Us, but hath been declared and Recognized to be soe by severall Statutes and Acts of Parliament; And therefore Wee doe now accordingly issue this Our Declaration, as well for the quieting the Mindes of Our Good Subjects in these Points, for Inviteing Strangers in this Coniuncture to come and Live under Us, and for the better Encouragement of all to a chearefull following of their Trade and Callings, from whence Wee hope by the Blessing of God to have many good and happy Advantages to Our Government; As also for preventing for the future the danger that might otherwise arise from Private Meetings and Seditious Conventicles.

' And in the first Place, Wee declare Our expresse Resolution, Meaneing, and Intention to be, That the Church of England bee preserved, and remaine entire in its Doctrine, Discipline, and Government, as now it stands established by Law; And that this bee taken to bee, as it is, the Basis, Rule, and Standard of the Generall and Publicke Worshipp of God, And that the Orthodox Conformable Clergy doe receive and enjoy the Revenues belonging thereunto. And that no Person, though of a different opinion and Perswasion, shall bee exempt from paying his Tythes, or other Dues whatsoever. And further Wee declare, That no Person shall bee capable of holding any benefice, Liveing, or Ecclesiasticall Dignity or Preferment of any kinde in this Our Kingdome of England, who is not exactly Conformable.

' Wee doe in the next Place Declare Our Will and Pleasure to bee, That the Execution of all and all manner of Penall Lawes in matters Ecclesiastical, against whatsoever sort of Non Conformists or Recusants, bee immediately suspended, and they are hereby suspended. And all Judges, Judges of Assise and Goale-Delivery, Sheriffes, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs and other Officers whatsoever, whether Ecclesiasticall or Civill, are to take notice of it, and pay due Obedience thereunto.

' And that there may be no pretence for any of Our Subjects to continue their illegall Meetings and Conventicles, Wee doe Declare, That Wee shall from time to time allow a sufficient Number of Places, as they shall be desired, in all Parts of this Our Kingdome, for the use of such as doe not conforme to the Church of England, to meete and Assemble in, in Order

to their Publick Worship and Devotion ; which Places shall bee open and free to all Persons.

‘ But to prevent such disorders and inconveniencies as may happen by this Our Indulgence, if not duely regulated, and that they may be the better protected by the Civill Magistrate, Our expresse Will and Pleasure is, That none of Our Subjects doe presume to meete in any Place, untill such Place bee allowed, and the Teacher of that Congregation bee approved by Us.

‘ And lest any should apprehend that this Restriction should make Our said Allowance and approbation difficult to be obtained, Wee doe further Declare, That this Our Indulgence, as to the Allowance of the Publick Places of Worship, and approbation of the Teachers, shall extend to all sorts of Non-Conformists and Recusants, except the Recusants of the Roman Catholick Religion, to whom Wee shall in no wise allow Publick Places of Worship, but only indulge them their share in the common Exemption from the execution of the Penall Lawes, and the Exercize of their Worship in their private Houses onely.

‘ And if after this Our Clemency and Indulgence, any of Our Subjects shall presume to abuse this Liberty, and shall preach seditiously, or to the Derogation of the Doctrine, Discipline, or Government of the Established Church, or shall meet in Places not allowed by Us, Wee doe hereby give them warning, and declare, Wee will proceed against them with all imaginable severity : And Wee will lett them see Wee can bee as severe to punish such Offenders, when soe justly provoked, as Wee are Indulgent to truely tender Consciences. In Witnesse whereof Wee have caused Our Greate Seale of England to bee putt and affixed to these presents. Given att Our Court att Whitehall this fifteenth day of March in the 24th yeare of Our Reigne, 1671.’

Charles signed the Document, but the Great Seal is not affixed. Despite the protest made by the Commons against this method of suspending the penal laws, the King granted the licences to preach in the freest manner.

These books prove how deeply-rooted Presbyterianism was in England at that time, and how testimony to this fact was borne by various authorities. For instance, the Bishop of Lincoln, in a letter dated September 7, 1672, writes to Sir Joseph Williamson :—

‘ All these licensed persons grow insolent, and increase strangely ; The Orthodox poore Clergy are out of heart. Shall nothing be done to support them against the Presbyterians, who grow and multiply faster than the other ? But I shall say more when I see thee : in the interim take what opportunity you can.’

The places licensed for Presbyterian worship were sometimes the houses of the preachers themselves, sometimes the houses of members of the Congregations, sometimes a school-house, or even a hall, as in the cases of the Haberdashers’ and Curriers’ Halls in London.

The following are specimen extracts from the volume of ‘ Preaching Licences :’—

‘ Licence for Thomas Vincent to be a Teacher in a certaine Howse in Hand Alley without Bishoppe Gate. 2 Apr. 1672.’ (Sir Jos. Williamson has added the word ‘ Presbyterian.’)

‘ Licence to Dr. Samuel Annesley to be a Presbyterian Teacher in his owne howse in Spittle Fields.’ 2 Apr. 1672.’ (Sir J. Williamson has added, ‘ Desired by Dr. Butler, and sent to him. 4 Apr.’)

‘ Licence to Edmund Calamie to be a Presbyterian Teacher in any place licenced and allowed by Us.’ (‘ Desired by Mr. Innesse, and sent to him.’)

‘ Licence allowing a certaine Roome or Roomes in Westmerland Howse, London, to be a Place for a Presbyterian Teacher. 2 Apr. 1672.’

'Licence to Mr. Nathaniel Vincent to be a Teacher of the Presbyterian way in Farthing Alley in the Parish of St. Olave's in Southwark. Apr. 2, 1672.'

'Dr. Henry Wilkinson's howse in Clapham, licensed for a Place of Meeting of the Presbyterian way. 2 Apr. 1672.'

'Licence allowing the Schoole Howse in Clapham, Surrey, to be a Place of Meeting of the Presbyterian way. 2 Apr. 1672.'

'Licence to Dr. Henry Wilkinson to be a Presbyterian Teacher in his owne Howse or the Schoole Howse of Clapham. 2 Apr. 1672.'

'Curriers hall in St. Alphage, London, licensed to be a Place of Meeting of the Presbyterian way. 2 Apr. 1672.'

'Licence to Mr. Edmund Calamie to be a Presbyterian Teacher in Curriers hall in St. Alphage, London. 2 Apr. 1672.'

'Licence to Dr. Thomas Manton to be a Teacher of the Presbyterian way, in a Congregation in his owne Howse in Convent Garden. 2 Apr. 1672.'

'Dr. Thomas Manton's house in Convent Garden, licensed for a Place of Meeting of the Presbyterian way. 2 Apr. 1672.'

'Henry Newcome in Manchester, licensed to be a Presbyterian Teacher. 15 Apr. 1672.'

'The howse of Henry Newcome in Manchester licensed to be a Presb. Meeting Place. 15 Apr. 1672.'

'Licence to Stephen Lobb to be a Presbyterian Teacher in Treworders howse in Knewyn and Falmouth howse in Mylor, Cornwall, licensed for Presb. Meeting Places. 16 Apr. 1672.'

'Licence to Oliver Heywood to be a Presb. Teacher in his owne howse in the Parish of Hallifax, Yorke. 20 Apr. 72.'

'License to Richard Allen to be a Pr. Teacher in a Barne belonging to Seamours Court, in the Parish of Beckington, Somersett. 20 Apr. 72.'

'The Countesse of Excter's howse in Little Brittain [London] licensed to be a Presb. Meeting Place. 22 Apr. 72.'

'License to Dr. Thomas Jacomb to be a Presb. Teacher in the Countesse of Exon's howse, Little Brittain, London. 22 Apr. 72.'

In connection with the Synod's Committee on 'Intercourse with other Churches,' your Committee have had much pleasure in forwarding an address of sympathy and congratulation to the Protestant Church of France, on the occasion of the celebration of the Bicentenary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

In conclusion, your Committee submit the following recommendations :—

1. To instruct the Committee to re-issue the Book of Order with the necessary emendations, and to declare 'That the same is authoritative as to procedure in Congregations and Church Courts, save in cases otherwise provided for by Trust Deeds of churches, or special constitutions of Congregations, or long-established usages.' Such declaration to be inserted in the work.

2. To authorise the Committee to appoint a solicitor as Legal Adviser to the Church.

3. To make a further grant of 25*l.* for the Historical Essay, and to recommend contributions for the same by private members of the Church.

4. To renew the instruction to Presbyteries to prepare and send to the Committee, for presentation to the Synod, a return of all the Trust Deeds of Churches within their respective bounds.

LEONE LEVI, *Convener.*

XVIII.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE Judicial Committee have to report that the Presbytery of Newcastle solicited counsel from them as to the course of procedure at a special point in a case of libel that was before the Presbytery. The Committee met, conferred with the Presbytery's representative, and tendered counsel as desired. This is the only case in regard to which their services have been required during the year.

W. McCAW,
Convener.

XIX.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NOMINATION, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE Board of Nomination have to report that they met in December, and with the utmost cordiality nominated the Rev. Alexander MacLeod, D.D., Birkenhead, as the Moderator of the next Synod.

It transpired, however, not long thereafter that Dr. MacLeod's health became so impaired that he was obliged to seek invigoration in a more genial clime, and so could not contemplate the onerous duties of the Moderatorship.

The Board therefore met again in March, and with equal unanimity and cordiality nominated the Rev. David MacEwan, D.D., Clapham, to the office of honour at the next Synod.

The Board resolved at the same time to record their sincere sympathy with Dr. MacLeod in the affliction with which he has been visited, and their earnest hope that he may soon be restored to wonted health.

Submitted, on behalf of the Board, by

W. McCAW,
Clerk.

XX.

REPORT OF TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

Your Committee have the pleasure of submitting the accounts for 1885, duly audited.

The financial experience of the Church during the past year affords ground both for thought and thankfulness.

At last the various Funds have begun to feel the strain of the prolonged commercial depression. Nothing shows this so clearly as a comparison of the Congregational contributions to the principal schemes of the Church for the last four years, as shown in the following statement, which has been already submitted in substance to the various Presbyteries of the Church.

Congregational Contributions to Synodical Schemes.

	1885			1884			1883			1882		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sustentation Fund (Aid)	5,479	18	6	5,586	18	8	5,818	6	5	6,002	12	1
Foreign Missions . .	7,535	17	10	8,584	1	4	8,265	18	0	8,476	15	8
Home Mission . .	1,598	1	8	1,520	13	6	1,585	12	4	1,775	8	5
Jewish Mission . .	766	5	10	839	2	9	854	8	10	846	10	9
Continental Churches . . .	380	6	1	438	7	8	415	18	9	605	10	8
College	808	6	4	947	8	1	942	5	8	1,103	9	3
Instruction of Youth	281	4	10	235	7	11	257	16	9	157	8	3
	16,850	1	1	18,151	19	11	18,140	6	9	18,967	15	1

It will be seen that nearly every Fund has suffered, and very specially that Fund which is so firmly entrenched in the hearts of our people, the Foreign Missions, where the fall during the past year is over £1,000, being about 12 per cent. on the givings of the Church in 1884. It is obvious that a continuance of this decline would be disastrous to the various important interests involved, and that it will be necessary to call upon our people to be prepared, if necessary, to make personal sacrifices, that the work of God as represented by these Funds may not be allowed to suffer detriment.

But if the return of Congregational contributions is thus fitted to excite anxious thought, we cannot look upon the position of the various Funds at the close of the year without a lively consciousness of the goodness of God in coming to our help in circumstances of peculiar difficulty. The following statement (somewhat fuller than usual) of the balances, debit or credit, with which the several Funds closed the year, shows that the finance of the Church is still in a sound and healthy condition.

DEBIT BALANCES.			CREDIT BALANCES.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Foreign Missions .	1,175	8 8	Home Mission General		
College Fund .	371	5 2	Account .	691	16 8
Preliminary Expenses			Do. Reserve .	1,000	0 0
of School Praise .	194	5 5	Jewish Mission .	97	12 9
	<u>1,740</u>	<u>19 3</u>	Continental Churches	255	0 5
			Scholarships .	53	1 10
			College Trust .	78	13 4
			Instruction of Youth .	160	19 5
			Church Building .	6,577	5 2
			Aged and Infirm		
			Ministers .	38	7 7
			Widows and Orphans	175	7 1
			Synod Fund .	111	12 8
			Union Thanksgiving		
			Fund .	175	0 0
Cash on Deposit .	6,000	0 0	Profit on Church Praise		
Do. on Current account	3,428	18 1	(in suspense). .	1,755	0 5
	<u>11,169</u>	<u>17 4</u>		<u>11,169</u>	<u>17 4</u>
Amount deposited with			Newcastle Presbytery		
Hong-Kong and Shan-			Church Extension—		
ghai Banking Co. .	£142	3 8	Proceeds of Sale of		
			Park Road Church,		
			with Interest .	£142	3 8

This is, it will be observed, exclusive of the Sustentation Fund, from which a credit balance of £69 1s. 1d. was transferred to the Reserve Fund, which latter now amounts to £2,100 16s. 5d., and is held by the bankers, to enable them to meet the over-drafts on the General Fund in the course of the year. Adding this to the balance with the bankers on account of the other funds, the aggregate accounts of the Church show a credit balance with the bankers on the ordinary accounts at the end of the year of £5,529 14s. 6d. It must not be assumed, of course, that the balance is maintained at this figure throughout the year; but it has been generally fairly sustained.

It will be seen that debit balances are shown only for the Foreign Missions account, the College account, and 'School Praise.'

The last of these does not need to be taken into account, being due to the fact that that work had not begun to yield profit at the last settlement with Messrs. Nisbet & Co.

The debit balance on the Foreign Missions account has happily already disappeared at the time of writing, as shown in the accounts, through the falling in of a legacy of £2,000. It is obvious, however, that it is of the utmost consequence that this important Fund should be brought as speedily as possible into a position in which it will be less dependent on uncertain sources of revenue.

The debit balance in the case of the College is more serious, not on account of its amount, but because it is rapidly increasing, being £200 more than at the close of the previous year. Moreover, your Committee notice that this is the only Church Fund to which fewer congre-

gations contributed in 1885 than in 1884, the number of contributing congregations having fallen from 165 to 151.

Your Committee are aware that both of the Committees concerned are giving their anxious attention to the state of their respective accounts, with the view of removing the discrepancy between income and expenditure.

The only matter in the general administration of the Church in which there seems to be undue expenditure is, as your Committee have pointed out in former years, that of the travelling expenses paid in connection with the Committee system. In 1880 the whole amount expended in this way was £246 11s. 10d. Last year it had advanced to £360 2s. 4d. The charge on the Synod Fund alone (for travelling expenses for committees without funds) was in 1880 35l. 12s. 3d. In 1885 it had risen to £148 4s. 11d. Your Committee cannot but feel that the work of a comparatively small Church like this should be carried on at less expense. This, however, can only be done by the Synod's taking care, in the composition of its committees, standing and special, to avoid arrangements involving heavy charges for travelling.

It will be seen that the Synod Fund closed with practically the same balance as that with which it began, the assessment at the rate of 14s. 6d. on membership and ordinary revenue having thus proved sufficient. Your Committee recommend that the assessment for next year be at the same rate.

Your Committee have the satisfaction of reporting, in regard to the hymn-books, that 'Church Praise' has yielded the Church, in its second year, the handsome profit of £1,133 16s. 4d., making a total profit for two years of £1,755 0s. 5d. Against this £194 5s. 5d., as already shown, has been debited to the Church for its share of preliminary expenses for 'School Praise.' Even allowing for this, the net proceeds of the hymn-books to the Church amount to £1,560 15s. for the two years for which accounts have been rendered.

Your Committee would again draw attention to the fact that they are now prepared to take charge of trust deeds and other important documents requiring the protection of a safe. Of these a careful register is kept, access to the safe being only possible through the Convener and Secretary, each of whom holds one key, the presence of both being necessary before the safe can be opened. No charge whatever is made, your Committee believing that it is in the interest of the Church that every facility be given to congregations to avail themselves of this provision for the safe custody of these deeds. The following congregations have already availed themselves of the provision made—viz. Wark; John Street, Maryport; Haltwhistle; Southport; Waterloo; Bellingham; and Penrith. The Presbytery of Carlisle have also sent up their old minute books, while one duplicate minute book has been sent in by the Presbytery of Manchester.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN, *Convener*.

[For Synod Fund Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 288; for Office Charges, p. 290.]

XXI.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

Your Committee have again to suggest that the Collections for Synod Schemes stand, as in former years, as follows, viz. :

For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of May 1886.			
„ Continental Work	„	„	July „
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„	Sept. „
„ The College	„	„	Nov. „
„ Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan. 1887.
„ Home Mission	„	„	March „

In conformity with the instructions of last Synod your Committee have fixed on 'Family Religion' as the subject of the Pastoral Letters to be issued by this Synod, and have appointed the Rev. Robert Taylor, Moderator of last Synod, with the Revs. Dr. Monro Gibson, Dr. Edmond, R. H. Lundie, and Mr. James Goodman, to draft the same.

In regard to matters specially remitted, your Committee beg to report as follows :

I.—Having consulted all the Standing Committees, they find a general consent that the experiment of holding three aggregate meetings of Committees in the year should at least be tried. They accordingly recommend that during next Synodical year the aggregate meetings be held in the months of July, November, and March, and in each case (as at present) during the three days commencing with the third Monday of the month.

II.—After careful consideration of the remit of the Synod in regard to the arrangement of the business on the Tuesday of the Synod week, and having consulted the Standing Committees specially interested in the question, it was unanimously agreed that it is desirable to continue to receive Missionary Addresses during at least a portion of that evening. They therefore recommend that the following clauses be added to the Standing Order regulating the arrangement of Synod business for the Tuesday immediately after those already adopted, viz. :

“ 3. That one hour thereafter be devoted to the reception of the Reports of Synod Deputies, *with Conference on the State of Religion,*

after which the morning sitting to be devoted, so far as necessary, to the Reports of the Home, Jewish, and Foreign Missions as at present.

“4. That the first hour of the evening sitting be devoted to such business as may be arranged; that the two hours from seven till nine be allowed for Missionary Addresses; the remainder of the evening to be devoted to ordinary business, as may be required.”

III.—In regard to the work of the General Secretary in connection with the *Distribution of Probationers* your Committee are glad to be able to report that Office arrangements have been made by which the General Secretary, while still responsible for this department of work, is now relieved from the more minute details in connection with it.

At the June Meeting the attention of your Committee was drawn to the fact that, while the Synod requires that Presbytery Representatives be chosen as equally as possible from ministerial and non-ministerial members, the proportions then stood as twenty-one to eleven, while three Presbyteries, having each two representatives, had sent up ministers exclusively. Your Committee understand that the explanation of this is to be found in the difficulty of finding ruling elders with sufficient command of their time to enable them to accept, or satisfactorily discharge, the duties of Presbytery Representatives. Should the Synod see good to sanction the reduction of the number of aggregate meetings in the year from four to three, this difficulty will be in so far diminished. Your Committee are, however, satisfied that Presbyteries will render a very important service to the Church by using every means in their power to induce really competent men from their non-ministerial ranks to give their assistance in the administrative work of the Church. The valuable service already rendered by such in the various Committees cannot be over-estimated.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN,

Convener.

XXII.

MINUTES OF
COMMISSION OF SYNOD *re* BROCKLEY,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE Commission met in the College Hall on the evening of Monday, June 15, at six o'clock. There were present:—Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener, Revs. J. Muir, J. Mackenzie, J. Bogue, W. Hutton, J. Bodel Messrs. T. Matheson, T. Hall, T. P. Dods, R. Amos, J. W. Sutton. The Convener opened the meeting by reading of Scripture and prayer. It was intimated that letters of apology had been received from Rev. Dr. McCaw, Rev. J. T. McGaw, and Mr. W. A. Wilkinson. On the motion of Mr. Thomas Matheson, seconded by Rev. J. Muir, Rev. J. Bodel was requested to act as clerk. The Convener read the papers connected with the case. After some discussion as to the mode of procedure, parties were called. There appeared as petitioners, Messrs. J. B. Parker, J. McGregor, Ebenezer Hamblin, Alexander Ritchie, J. McArthur, George Kemp, Archibald McCreath, and John McKinlay, and as representatives of the Presbytery, Rev. Dr. Fraser, Rev. Dr. Rentoul, and Mr. John Bell. Parties were informed that in accordance with the new Standing Orders, the Commission would hear two on each side. Mr. J. T. Parker and Mr. Archibald McCreath were heard in support of petition, and Mr. Bell and Rev. Dr. Fraser in support of the action of the Presbytery. The Rev. Mr. McIntosh being present, and desiring to be heard, it was decided, after some discussion, to hear him. He accordingly addressed the Commission, handing in, as proof of what he stated regarding the correctness of the financial transactions which had been called in question, an audit recently prepared at his request by R. A. McLean & Co., chartered accountants. At half-past ten o'clock, on the motion of Rev. J. Muir, seconded by Mr. Amos, it was agreed to adjourn until Tuesday evening, June 16th, at six o'clock. The sederunt was closed by the Convener pronouncing the benediction.

The Commission again met in the College Hall on the evening of Tuesday, June 16, at six o'clock. There were present:—Revs. R. H. Lundie (Convener), J. Muir, W. Hutton, J. Mackenzie, J. Bogue, and Messrs. T. P. Dods, R. Amos, T. Matheson, W. Sutton. Convener opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Minutes of previous meeting were read and sustained. Letter of apology was read from

Mr. Hall, who had been obliged to leave earlier in the day for home. Mr. McIntosh requested that he might be allowed to supplement the statement he had made at the previous meeting, and also to put papers, bearing on the case, in the hands of the Commission. It was decided that he could not be heard further, except in reply to any questions which might be addressed to him at a later stage, and that the documents referred to could be received if any member of commission were to ask for them as evidence. There being representatives of Session present, it was moved by Rev. J. Bodel, seconded by Mr. T. Matheson, and agreed that they should be heard. Mr. Stark who was deputed to speak, was heard accordingly. Mr. Parker requested that an anonymous letter, the authorship of which had been attributed to Mr. McIntosh, and which was amongst the papers handed to the Convener by Clerk of Synod, should be read. Convener read the letter. Mr. McCreath, having replied for the petitioners to what had been said on other side, questions were put to the parties by members of Commission. It was then moved by Mr. Amos and seconded by Mr. Matheson, that the Commission retire and consider their finding in private. Mr. Muir moved, and Mr. Dods seconded, that the finding be considered in presence of the parties in the case. Three voted for the amendment and six for the motion. The Commission accordingly retired, and after anxious deliberation agreed to the following as their decision :—

‘The Commission, having read the papers and heard parties, and made careful and lengthened inquiry into all matters connected with the case, find :—

‘1. That the complaints against the Presbytery of London are without reasonable ground.

‘2. That whilst recognising Mr. McIntosh’s zeal and success in raising funds for the new Church, and whilst satisfied that nothing has been established inconsistent with his integrity, there is reason to deplore grave errors of judgment which have characterised his management of financial affairs, and lack of prudence and forbearance in his conduct towards his office-bearers.

‘3. That there is reason also to deplore the keenness of feeling manifested by the petitioners in the prosecution of their case, and their persistency in urging serious charges in reference to matters undoubtedly irregular, but concerning which reasonable explanations had been offered. Accordingly, they decline to grant the prayer of the petition, and counsel those concerned to cultivate a spirit of Christian forbearance.’

The Commission having returned to the Hall, the finding was read to the parties. It was moved, seconded, and agreed that the Convener be authorised to sign the minutes of this meeting.

R. H. LUNDIE, *Convener*.
JAMES BODEL, *Clerk*.

XXIII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
CHURCH'S RELATION TO THE WESTMIN-
STER CONFSSION OF FAITH,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE Synod of 1885 instructed the Committee 'to proceed with due care and deliberation to prepare [the] articles [of a Compendium of Fundamental Doctrine], to be submitted for the consideration of a future Synod.'

The Committee have given much time and thought during the past year to the work thus laid upon them, and have made a fair measure of progress. But it is quite apparent that such a document cannot wisely be constructed in haste. Its preparation must be a prolonged as well as an anxious task.

It would in many ways be unsuitable to offer it to the Synod in instalments. Several articles have been provisionally adopted, and a number more have been drafted for consideration. But as the Committee proceed, questions raised in connection with later portions of their task may possibly induce them to make changes in articles already adjusted. They may find it expedient, as the body of doctrinal definitions grows in their hands, to remove or to add, to curtail or to enlarge on points from which they had passed. In any case the Committee would naturally desire, before presenting it to the Church, to review the Compendium as a whole in the light of their increased experience, in order to give every part of it the most perfect shape possible, and to secure a due proportion in the relative prominence given to each head of doctrine.

Neither would it be helpful to the Church or to the interests of truth to have separate sections of the work discussed outside the Committee. No useful opinion could be formed of their value or adequacy for the ends contemplated until the whole is before the Church.

For these reasons, the weight of which, it is hoped, will be acknowledged, the Committee have decided not to lay before the Synod at present what has been done during the past year. They hope that this delay (the responsibility for which they assume) and their own repeated examinations of every article before the Compendium is subjected to the ordeal of public discussion, may result in a statement of the Faith as

it is accepted and taught amongst us, all the more worthy of approval because every word and phrase has been weighed again and again.

Greater confidence in the discretion of the Committee may perhaps be felt if their methods of procedure in this matter are described. A small sub-committee have been entrusted with the task of drafting the articles; guided, however, by a previous discussion in the General Committee of the topics which should find a place in each, and of the emphasis or subordination which should mark the treatment of the various topics. The Drafting Committee hold frequent meetings, and discuss every word of an article several times before suffering it to pass beyond themselves. The draft articles, so prepared, are sent to each of three local sub-committees, into which the General Committee has been divided, comprising the Northern, the Lancashire, and the London members respectively.

These sub-committees examine the draft articles, proposing what changes appear to them to be necessary. The first draft of the articles and the three revisions are then circulated amongst the members of the Committee before the quarterly meeting, at which the four forms of each article are compared, clause by clause, and that form of statement adopted which commends itself most to the general judgment.

Five Articles have now emerged from these discussions. The Committee cannot encourage the Church to expect much greater rapidity in the future stages of this work. The hope of ultimate success lies, they are satisfied, in cautious and painstaking deliberation. In this spirit they are prepared to proceed should the Synod be pleased to commit to them the further prosecution of an important and delicate enterprise.

The Committee laid upon the table of the last Synod a Draft Declaratory Statement, explanatory of the sense in which the Church understands and accepts the Westminster Confession of Faith, especially on certain specified points.

It will be convenient again to present this Draft Declaratory Statement (Appendix). The Synod was pleased to express a general approval of it, and to send it down to Presbyteries, with instructions to report to the Committee ‘(1) whether they judge it advisable that such a document be forthwith formally adopted by this Church, and if so (2,) what alterations or additions (if any) they suggest in the draft now upon the table; said reports of Presbyteries to be transmitted by the Committee to next Synod, with their judgment thereupon.’ The Presbyteries have made returns to the Synod’s Remit to the following effect:—

BERWICK.—In this Presbytery a motion was made and seconded, asking that large changes be made in the Draft Declaratory Statement. After discussion, it was agreed simply to transmit the motion, ‘on the understanding that the Presbytery are not committed to its terms.’

BIRMINGHAM.—This Presbytery unanimously approved the Draft Declaratory Statement, and recommended its adoption.

BRISTOL.—This Presbytery, by a majority, ‘generally approved the Draft Declaratory Statement,’ as against a motion ‘cordially recommending the adoption of the Declaratory Statement by the Church.’

CARLISLE.—This Presbytery agreed unanimously that a declaratory statement ought to be adopted by the Church; but by a majority (against a motion to approve the Draft Statement) recommended that the Committee be instructed 'to define those subjects on which liberty of opinion is allowed, and thus render definite those which constitute the substance of the Faith.'

DARLINGTON.—This Presbytery, by a large majority (twelve to two), 'finds that it is desirable to issue such a Statement forthwith; and further, the Presbytery expresses its approval of the Statement now submitted.'

LIVERPOOL.—This Presbytery 'resolved unanimously that said document (the Declaratory Statement) be forthwith formally adopted by this Church.'

LONDON.—This Presbytery, by a large majority (fifty to seven), resolved that 'a Declaratory Statement, such as is now under consideration, should, as soon as possible, be adopted.'

The Presbytery further resolved (also by a large majority) that it 'regards the Declaratory Statement submitted by the Committee as suitable and sufficient for the purpose in view, and approves of it accordingly, with the exception of Clause 5, which it recommends for adoption in the following terms, viz.:—

- '(5) That liberty of opinion is recognised in this Church on such points in the Confession as do not enter into the substance of the Faith; the Church retaining full authority to determine in any case which may arise what points fall within this description, as well as to guard against any abuse of this liberty to the injury of her unity and peace.'

(The words in italics are the additional words suggested by the Presbytery.)

MANCHESTER.—This Presbytery unanimously resolved that a Declaratory Statement 'is desirable, and approved generally of the Statement remitted by the Synod.' They recommended, however, a number of changes, as follows:—

- (1) Preamble, third paragraph.—Read '*exhibit* the Church's faith,' instead of 'express the Church's faith.'
- (2) Clause 1.—Insert '*as*' before 'set forth in the Westminster Confession.'
- (3) Clause 1.—Read '*with reference to election*,' instead of 'particularly in its reference to the election of some among mankind to eternal life.'
- (4) Clause 1, 1st Sub-section.—Read '*in His Son*,' instead of 'by the gift of His Son to be a propitiation for the whole world.'
- (5) Clause 2.—Insert '*personal and social*' before 'value of the natural virtues.'
- (6) Clause 3.—Insert '*ever resting upon the Church*' before 'of proclaiming the Gospel to all men.'
- (7) Clause 4.—Omit '*while*' before 'holding that such Rulers.'
- (8) Clause 4.—Read '*which seems to be, or may be regarded as inconsistent with the spiritual independence of the Church*,' instead of 'which favours . . . persecution.'

The Manchester Presbytery further 'unanimously and very earnestly agree to suggest to the Committee that before the Declaratory Statement is adopted it be sent down to the Courts of the Church.'

NEWCASTLE.—This Presbytery unanimously approved of the Draft Declaratory Statement.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—This Presbytery unanimously agreed that a Declara-

tory Statement should be forthwith adopted, and approved of the Draft Declaratory Statement.

Accordingly, five Presbyteries (Birmingham, Darlington, Liverpool, Newcastle and Northumberland) approve the Declaratory Statement as submitted by the Committee, and desire its adoption.

One Presbytery (London) also approves the Declaratory Statement and desires its adoption, suggesting, however, the insertion of words in the last clause, by which it is intended to place beyond doubt the full authority of the Church to determine whether or not any point regarding which controversy may at any time arise is a point on which she will allow liberty of opinion amongst her office-bearers.

One Presbytery (Bristol) 'generally approves' the Draft Declaratory Statement.

One Presbytery (Carlisle) desires a definition of the points on which liberty of opinion is to be allowed (Clause 5), but otherwise approves the Draft Statement.

One Presbytery (Manchester) generally approves the Draft Declaratory Statement; suggests a number of changes; and asks that it be remitted to the Courts of the Church before it is adopted.

One Presbytery (Berwick) gives no judgment; but transmits for the information of the Church the opinion of two of its members.

The Committee have considered these returns, and have now humbly to report as follows:—

1. They recommend the insertion in Clause 5 of the words suggested by the London Presbytery. This addition is meant to make legally indisputable the power of the Church to put her own interpretation from time to time upon the words in the Clause, 'such points as do not enter into the substance of the faith.' The Clause in its original form was intended to preserve to the Church this indispensable authority, but the words which it is proposed to add would place this beyond the possibility of mistake.

2. The Committee do not consider that the Declaratory Statement would be improved by the adoption of any of the other suggested changes. Most of the phrases it is proposed to substitute for those now in the Statement were under their consideration while it was in course of preparation, and, after careful discussion, were set aside as ambiguous or otherwise unsuitable. To their previous judgment the Committee feel constrained to adhere.

3. The Committee are of opinion that in the nature of the case it is impossible to meet the desire of the Presbytery of Carlisle, by defining beforehand the points regarding which (under Clause 5) liberty of opinion is to be recognised. Each generation is confronted by its own burning questions; and as new questions emerge, matters round which hot controversy had been formerly waged fall out of sight. Dogmatic positions are reduced in comparative importance, or, on the other hand, they become of larger relative consequence, through the shifting tactics of unbelief, or through some change in the condition of the Church, or by reason of a clearer apprehension of the revealed mind of God. The living Church must judge, when cases occur, what measure of liberty it is safe to allow, and what variations of belief must be excluded. The line cannot be drawn in advance.

4. It will probably be well, before the Declaratory Statement is finally adopted by the Church, and the changes then necessary are made in the Formulas for Ministers, Licentiates, and Elders, to take legal advice as to the possible bearing of this step on the titles to buildings and investments held on the Church's behalf. On the other hand, remembering the decided preponderance of opinion in the Presbyteries in favour of the immediate approval of the Declaratory Statement, the Committee believe that much disappointment would be felt if no forward movement were made. They therefore recommend the Synod—

(1) To place on record its entire and cordial approval of the terms of the Declaratory Statement (with the addition suggested by the Presbytery of London), as expressing the sense in which this Church understands and accepts the Westminster Confession of Faith ;

(2) That, with a view to enable the Synod at its meeting in 1887 to give full legal effect to the said Declaratory Statement, it be forthwith sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions for their opinion whether or not it ought to be adopted by the Church ; their decision to be reported to this Committee before October 31 ;

(3) That meanwhile the Committee be instructed to consider carefully the whole subject of the Formulas for office-bearers now in use, and what modification they require, including the change recommended to the Synod of 1884, as well as any other changes which the adoption of the Declaratory Statement may render advisable ;

(4) That the Committee be instructed as soon as possible to submit the Declaratory Statement, along with the proposed amended Formulas and any other necessary documents, to counsel for an opinion on the legal bearings, upon trust deeds to property or otherwise, of such changes, should they be ultimately adopted by the Church.

(5) That the Committee be instructed to report fully on all these matters to the Synod of 1887.

Finally, the Committee ask that they be reappointed, with instructions also to continue with all care and pains the preparation of the Compendium of Fundamental Doctrine ; and they earnestly entreat the support of the kindly consideration and the prayers of the whole Church, that so their labours may yield results which will further the understanding of the Gospel of God amongst our people, and enrich and confirm their faith.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,
Convener.

APPENDIX.

DECLARATORY STATEMENT.

Whereas this Church has ever acknowledged the canonical books of Holy Scripture to be her sole Supreme Standard, to which the Westminster Confession of Faith is to be regarded as subordinate;

Whereas every endeavour to set forth in the form of a Creed the truth taught in Holy Scripture must be at the best imperfect; and

Whereas every such Creed is liable to become less adequate to express the Church's faith, through that fuller and clearer apprehension of His revealed truth which it pleases God from time to time to grant unto His Church;

Therefore it has seemed good and needful to this Church in Synod assembled, for the better exhibition of her belief on certain points, to declare as follows:—

1. That the Doctrine of Redemption set forth in the Westminster Confession, particularly in its reference to the election of some among mankind to eternal life, is held and taught in this Church, together with other great truths which are vital to the Gospel, such as:—

(1st) That the love of God to mankind moved Him to provide, by the gift of His Son to be a propitiation for the whole world, a way of salvation which in His Gospel is freely offered to all;

(2nd) That God has no pleasure in the death of any sinner, but desires that all should repent and live; and

(3rd) That every man who hears the Gospel is responsible for his acceptance or rejection of its free offer of eternal life.

2. That the teaching of the Confession on the subject of man's total depravity since the Fall is not to be understood as denying his responsibility both under the Law and under the Gospel, or the existence and value of the natural virtues.

3. That while the duty of proclaiming the Gospel to all men is clear and imperative, and while the proclamation of the Gospel is the ordinary means of salvation for all who are capable of being called thereby; and while it is certain that no one is saved except through the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the working of the Holy Spirit: Yet it does not follow, nor is it required to be held, either that any who die in infancy are lost, or that God may not extend His mercy to those who are beyond the reach of the ordinary means of salvation, as it may seem good in His sight.

4. That with reference to the teaching of the Confession regarding the duty of Civil Rulers, this Church, while holding that such rulers are subject in their own province to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, does not accept anything in that document which favours, or may be regarded as favouring, intolerance or persecution.

5. That liberty of opinion is recognised in this Church on such points in the Confession as do not enter into the substance of the Faith: the Church retaining full authority to guard against any abuse of this liberty to the injury of her unity and peace.

XXIV.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THE Committee have considered the subject referred to them by last Synod, and are of opinion that it is desirable to prepare, so soon as it may conveniently be done, a Revised Directory for Public Worship, on the basis of the 'Westminster Directory,' which 'exhibits generally the order of public worship, and of the administration of sacraments in this Church;' and that, along with this, forms of service should be provided for optional use on special occasions, as at marriages, burials, ordinations of office-bearers, reception of young communicants, and the like. They are agreed in thinking that in this way the Church may gain much in respect of the completeness, concord, and decorum of her services. They, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Synod should appoint a Committee to take such steps as may be prudent in the line now indicated.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee.

DONALD FRASER,
pro-Convener.

XXV.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH
THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

THIS Committee has not been able to do much in the direction contemplated by last Synod. Some endeavour has been made, through interviews of a friendly and informal character, to arrive at some adjustment of the dispute regarding Church property at Tooting, which has been the occasion of unpleasant feeling. This effort, however, has thus far been without result. It must be remembered that the Presbyterian Church is no party to the litigation in the case; and the Committee has no power over the suit now pending beyond offering assistance to facilitate equitable settlement out of Court.

The Committee has been led to understand that much importance is attached in the Congregational Union to the passing by the Synod of some such general declaration as was proposed last year. The Convener and other members of the Committee have explained the unwillingness of the Church to seem to bind future Synods by pledges about the application of which to unforeseen cases future debate might arise; but have at the same time assured Congregational brethren that there exists among us no desire to reclaim and recover old properties which have been in the use of Congregational Churches for a long course of years. When the case of Tooting has been settled, whether in Court or out of Court, it will be for the consideration of the Synod whether it may not be proper to convey this assurance in a more explicit and official manner to the Congregational Union.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee,

D. FRASER,

Convener.

XXVI.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1886.

§ 1. INCREASE OF THE CHURCH.

TEN years have elapsed since the Presbyterian Church of England was happily established, and it is gratifying to find that both in numerical strength and in means of usefulness the Church has since become larger and stronger. In 1876 the Church had 256 Congregations with 46,540 Communicants, though the statistics were not as complete as they are now. In 1885 the Church had 286 Congregations with 61,021 Communicants, showing an increase of 10·92 per cent. in the number of Congregations, and of 32·60 per cent. in the number of Communicants. In 1876 the sum total received was £164,862, or £635 per Congregation. In 1885 the sum total received was £216,106, or £755 per Congregation. In the ten years the sum total received was £2,054,488.¹

In 25 large towns in England, in 1876 (see Appendix A) the Church had in all 27,510 Communicants. Comparing these with their population in 1871 (7,091,000), the proportion was 3·87 per 1,000. In 1885, in the same towns, the Church had 36,043 Communicants, which, compared with their population in 1881 (8,330,000), gave a proportion of 4·32 per 1,000, being an increase of 11·61 per cent. All over England the Church had 46,501 Communicants in 1876, on a population in 1871 of 21,495,000, or a proportion of 2·16 per 1,000. In 1881 the Church had 61,021 Communicants in a population of 24,608,000, or a proportion of 2·48 per 1,000, being an increase of 14·87 per cent. That the Church should have more than kept pace with the great increase in the town population, though by the aid of members transferred from Scotland and Ireland, is a matter for thankfulness. But the table in the Appendix will show how much remains to be done, and in how many cases the number of Communicants has actually diminished in proportion to population in the last ten years.

¹ Returns were wanting from 32 Congregations, but many of them were weak both in membership and resources. Returns were received on the following year from many of them, representing about 4,400 members, and total receipts amounting to about £13,000.

PART I.—CONGREGATIONAL.

§ 2. CONGREGATIONS AND REGISTRATION.

In 1885 the Presbyterian Church of England had 286 Congregations. Nevertheless, on December 31, 1883, the Registrar-General of Births, Marriages, and Deaths recorded only 193 buildings of this denomination so registered, 99 buildings being still registered under the name of the Presbyterian Church *in* England, and 25 under the name of the *United* Presbyterian; and this, notwithstanding repeated injunctions of Synod to re-register all the buildings under the exact title.

§ 3. DATES OF CONGREGATIONS.

The dates of the Congregations are useful in relation to the history of the Church, as well as a guide to the character of the trust deeds which they possess. Though not absolutely, for not all the Congregations formed within the last ten years possess the present model trust deed. Other Congregations have trust deeds of much older dates. The dates in some cases are as near as can be ascertained, but there is some indefiniteness in the dates both of the formation of Congregations and of their buildings, especially where such buildings have been changed or renewed. Particulars of dates of buildings and ministers will be found in the Proceedings of the Presbyterian Church in England, 1870 and 1871, and of the Presbyterian Church of England in 1878. Some uncertainty still existing in the dates, a special inquiry will be made on the subject during the year.

§ 4. TENURES, INSURANCE, AND DEBT.

The tenure of the churches, schools, and manses connected with the Church indicates the character of the property created from time to time. There are at present 190 freeholds, 26 leaseholds and copyholds, and 8 held in perpetuity. The amount insured is now £904,059, and of this about £200,000 was on leaseholds for various periods. It is greatly to be desired that a law may soon pass to enable the Church to enfranchise, on reasonable terms, those leaseholds which are in good central and improving districts. The debt amounted in 1885 to £98,780 on churches and £9,520 on manses.

§ 5. NUMBER OF SITTINGS AVAILABLE AND LET.

The number of sittings available in 1876 was 113,584, and let 55,596. In 1885 the number available was 146,773, and the number let 63,167. Removing from both years the cases where the sittings were not let, there remained, in 1876, 98,984 sittings available for letting to 55,596 let, or a proportion of 56·18 per cent. And in 1885, 133,204 sittings available to 63,167 let, or in the proportion of 47·42 per cent. The proportion of sittings available to sittings let has been diminishing for several years, and the amount received from seat-rents has not increased. In 1884 it was £40,173; in 1885, £40,824.

§ 6. OFFICE-BEARERS.

The total number of Office-bearers in the Presbyterian Church of England in 1876 was 3,519, or 7·56 per cent. Communicants. In 1885 it was 4,518, or 7·40 per cent. Of these, the number of Elders in 1876 was 1,291, or 2·77 per cent.; and in 1885, 1,712, or 2·80 per cent. And the number of Deacons and Managers 2,228 in 1876, or 4·78 per cent.; and 2,826 in 1885, or 4·59 per cent. The number of Deacons diminished from 542 to 502. The number of Managers increased from 1,686 to 2,304.

§ 7. NUMBER OF COMMUNICANTS.

As already stated, the number of Communicants in 1885 was 61,021, against 59,690 in 1884. During the ten years the progress in the different Presbyteries has been as follows:—

Presbyteries	1876	1885	Increase per cent.
Berwick	3,507	4,011	14·37
Birmingham	1,299	1,625	25·09
Bristol	1,353	1,397	3·32
Carlisle	1,553	2,053	32·58
Darlington	2,866	3,040	6·07
Liverpool	8,110	10,216	25·96
London	10,946	17,247	37·57
Manchester	4,620	5,849	26·60
Newcastle-on-Tyne	9,016	11,194	24·15
Northumberland	4,012	4,384	9·27
Total	46,540	61,021	31·11

In the ten years 34,820 were admitted to the Communion for the first time, and 42,331 were received by certificates. In the same period 30,220 were removed by certificate, and 31,926 were removed from the Communion-roll as dead, lapsed, or otherwise left without certificates.

§ 8. THE COLLEGE.

The number attending the College was, in 1885, 5 first-year's students, against 6 in 1884; 7 second-year's, against 9 in 1884; and 12 third-year's students, against 5 in 1884. Total 24, against 20 in 1884.

§ 9. TEMPERANCE.

The work of the Temperance Committee of the Church has become sufficiently organised to admit of statistical record. From 283 returns received there were in operation, in 1885, 240 societies, with 23,471 members, against 197 societies with 19,356 members in 1884.

§ 10. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Missions of the Church have greatly expanded in the last ten years. In 1877 the Foreign Mission Committee reported that in 1876 they had in China 12 ordained and 3 Medical Missionaries, 49 Native Evangelists, and 66 stations. In 1886 they report that in 1885 they had 16 ordained Missionaries, 6 Medical Missionaries, 2 Medical Teachers, and 7 Lady Missionaries sent by the Women's Association. On December 31, 1876, there were 1,976 Communicants on the roll. On December 31, 1885, the number had grown to 3,312.

§ 11. VISITORS, SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND OTHER BENEFICENT AGENCIES.

The life of the Church is manifested in its activities. In 1876 the Church, with 46,501 Communicants, had 8,231 Visitors, Members of Dorcas Societies, and Sabbath School Teachers, or in the proportion of 17·69 workers for 100 Communicants. In 1885, with 61,021 Communicants, the number of such workers was 13,751, or in the proportion of 22·53 per cent. This shows a gratifying increase. But many workers there are outside the limit of the Church organisation which are not included in this number. It is scarcely possible to record all the deeds of mercy and benevolence which flow from those who, endued with earnest devotion and charity, in any way come into contact with suffering, ignorance, and spiritual destitution.

The number of such workers in 1876 and 1885 was as follows :—

	1876	1885
District Visitors	1,466	2,254
Members of Dorcas Societies	1,990	7,369
Sabbath School Teachers	4,775	7,128

In 1876 there were on the roll of our Sunday Schools 45,141 scholars ; in 1885, 75,295, 79·78 per cent. of whom were Communicants. The number of day scholars has remained stationary—viz. 7,169 in 1876 and 7,151 in 1885. The number of members of Young Men's Societies increased from 3,013 in 1876 to 5,023 in 1885. And the number of members of Bible Classes reported increased from 5,923 in 1876 to 7,477 in 1885.

PART II.—FINANCIAL.

§ 12. CONGREGATIONAL INCOME.

The total income of the Church varies from year to year with the increase of Congregations, with the contributions to any special fund of a limited duration, and with the amount of Legacies or special Donations. In the Congregational Income the variation especially appears in the amount received for temporary purposes, as for buildings, repairs, &c. During the last five years the amounts so received were as follows :—

Congregational purposes.	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
	£	£	£	£	£
Seat Rents	39,602	41,258	40,830	40,173	40,824
Sustentation Fund (not being aid)	17,984	11,330	11,270	11,574	12,127
Collections	59,462	58,612	58,797	62,037	60,718
Poor and Congrega- tional Missions. . .	18,883	21,191	22,908	24,355	24,062
Temporary purposes .	43,235	52,391	41,210	39,892	29,708
	174,404	186,263	175,015	178,031	167,439
Average per Congrega- tion	634	667	627	629	585

There is thus a considerable diminution in the funds received for Congregational purposes, especially in those for temporary objects, the results, doubtless, of the continued depression of trade.

§ 13. STIPENDS.

The total amount of stipends in 1885 was £87,830. As compared with 1876, nearly the same proportion of stipends—viz. 38 per cent.—were of £200 and under that sum. In the stipends of over £200 and under £500 there was a diminution from 39 per cent. in 1875 to 37 per cent. in 1886. In the stipends from £500 to £1,000 there was an increase from 11 per cent. in 1875 to 13 per cent. in 1876. The increasing number of manse forms a substantial increase to the stipends.

§ 14. MISSIONARY FUNDS.

The amounts contributed to the Scheme of the Church by the Presbyteries of the Church, apart altogether from Donations and Legacies, afford a clear evidence, on the one hand, of the zeal of the Church, controlled always by the amount of prosperity prevalent in the country. For the last ten years these have been as follows:—

Year	Home Missions	Foreign Missions, including Women's Asso- ciation	Jewish Mission	Continental Missions	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
1876	1,588	5,218	824	294	9,824
1877	2,340	5,776	976	220	9,312
1878	2,025	5,881	745	268	8,918
1879	1,502	5,241	401	288	7,432
1880	1,641	5,994	805	248	8,688
1881	1,694	7,398	767	478	10,337
1882	1,925	10,891	846	605	14,267
1883	2,586	10,217	854	416	12,873
1884	1,521	12,054	839	438	14,852
1885	1,598	9,200	766	380	11,944

The only fund which has suffered any serious diminution during last year is the Foreign Mission, and this has been caused by the contribution from the Women's Association being £1,664 in 1885 against £3,039 in 1884.

§ 15. GENERAL FINANCE.

The total amount received in 1885, as compared with 1884, was as follows :—

	1884	Per cent.	1885	Per cent.
	£		£	
Congregational purposes . . .	178,031	83.50	167,439	77.48
Synod Schemes (Congregational contributions) }	21,191	9.93	18,514	8.56
Donations, including Scholarships, Church Building, Aged and Infirm Ministers, and Widows and Orphans . . }	13,980	6.57	30,153	13.96
Total	213,202	100.50	216,106	100.00

Legacies.—During the last year the following Legacies were received, and they are indeed great benefactions, especially to those Funds which are not regularly supported by Congregations :—

ROBERT BARBOUR, for Church Building ...	£5,000	0	0
" " for College in suspense ...	5,000	0	0
ELIZABETH HARDIE, for the College ...	1,000	0	0
JAMES ALEXANDER, for Foreign Missions ...	500	0	0
" " for Sustentation Fund ...	200	0	0
" " for College ...	200	0	0
PETER ROXBURGH, for Home Mission ...	100	0	0
" " for Foreign Missions ...	400	0	0

The Congregational funds, as well as the Synod Schemes, have certainly been less last year than the previous one, but the special Legacies and Donations have been greater, and they have more than made up for the substantial loss.

The financial resources of the various Presbyteries in relation to Communicants in 1876 and 1885 were as follows :—

Presbyteries	Number of Communicants	Total Receipts 1876	Proportion of Communicants	Number of Communicants	Total Receipts 1885	Proportion of Communicants
		£	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Berwick . .	3,507	5,374	1 16 3	4,011	3,940	0 19 7
Birmingham . .	1,299	5,664	4 7 2	1,625	4,657	2 17 3
Bristol . .	1,353	5,866	4 6 8	1,397	7,620	5 9 1
Carlisle . .	1,845	3,598	1 19 0	2,058	3,988	1 18 9
Darlington . .	2,866	10,396	3 16 1	3,046	8,783	2 17 9
Liverpool . .	7,074	20,885	2 19 3	10,216	29,647	2 18 0
London . .	10,946	55,936	5 2 2	17,247	78,489	4 11 0
Manchester . .	4,620	20,219	4 8 6	5,849	19,901	3 8 0
Newcastle-on-Tyne . .	9,018	19,315	2 2 10	11,194	21,795	1 8 11
Northumberland . .	4,012	5,445	1 7 1	4,384	4,470	1 0 4
Donations, &c. .	46,540	153,268	3 10 1	61,021	183,290	3 0 0
	...	11,594	...	...	32,816	...
Total with Donations	...	164,862	3 10 10	...	216,106	3 10 9

Although last year's financial results are not so satisfactory as might have been desired, the sum total shows an increase; whilst the agencies of the Church are more active, and, we trust, as successful as ever they were. Let us pray that the economic condition of the country, especially in the agricultural and mining districts, may speedily be improved, so that opportunities may be afforded for undertaking still greater enterprises for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. It is fifty years since the first Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England was held at Manchester, that Synod consisting of five charges in the Presbytery of Lancashire, and seven charges in the North-West of England Presbytery, though others soon followed. What a contrast with the present Synod! May an equal period and more of increasing prosperity be in store for the Presbyterian Church of England.

LEONE LEVI,
Convener.

APPENDIX A.

Proportion of Communicants to Population in Towns in England.

Towns	Population 1871	Number of Commu- nicants 1876	Communi- cants per 1,000 of Population	Population 1881	Number of Communi- cants 1885	Communi- cants per 1,000 of Population
Birmingham . .	344,000	400	1.16	401,000	421	1.04
Birkenhead . .	66,000	2,011	38.47	83,000	2,466	28.98
Blackburn . .	83,000	507	6.10	101,000	568	5.62
Bolton . .	93,000	232	2.60	105,000	290	2.20
Bradford . .	146,000	215	1.47	180,000	248	1.37
Brighton . .	104,000	402	3.86	128,000	462	2.53
Bristol . .	183,000	229	1.25	207,000	192	0.92
Cardiff . .	59,000	274	4.64	85,000	309	3.63
Hull . .	123,000	1,037	8.43	162,000	888	5.48
Leeds . .	259,000	157	0.60	309,000	363	1.17
Leicester . .	95,000	53	0.55	122,000	90	0.73
Liverpool . .	493,000	5,232	10.65	552,000	6,705	12.02
London . .	3,267,000	8,922	2.73	3,832,000	13,598	3.54
Manchester . .	379,000	2,537	6.73	394,000	2,912	7.39
Newcastle-on-Tyne	128,000	3,257	25.44	145,000	3,968	27.36
Nottingham . .	87,000	90	1.03	112,000	225	2.00
Oldham . .	113,000	—	—	153,000	30	0.13
Portsmouth . .	114,000	—	—	128,000	113	0.88
Salford . .	125,000	196	1.56	176,000	259	1.47
Sheffield . .	240,000	130	0.54	284,000	215	0.75
Stoke-on-Trent . .	131,000	—	—	152,000	—	—
Sunderland . .	104,000	1,336	12.84	125,000	1,520	12.16
Swansea . .	81,000	156	1.92	106,000	133	1.25
Wednesbury . .	117,000	—	—	124,000	206	—
Wolverhampton . .	157,000	120	0.76	164,000	421	2.56
Total . .	7,091,000	27,510	3.87	8,330,300	36,043	4.32

APPENDIX B.

Inventory of the Property of the Presbyterian Church of England and its Committees, 1885.

REAL PROPERTY.

Churches, Halls, and Manses returned (see Table of Congregational Statistics) as insured for £910,859. Estimated to have been insured for two-thirds of the real value represent a capital of £1,366,288.

Mission Buildings in China and India.

Furniture, library, &c., of College, Queen Square.

Property belonging to Congregations.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

1. College Funds :

(A) Securities valued (last) at £33,200 in Railway property and Bank shares, with rental of house in Straud, yielding £300. For particulars, see Report of College Trustees, p. 225.

(B) Barbour Endowment £10,000 North Staffordshire Railway Five per cent. Preference Stock.

2. Scholarships :

Securities in Indian Railways, Indian Government, Canadian Stock, and British Railways, amounting to £6,402. For particulars, see Scholarships Accounts, p. 226.

3. Sustainment Fund—Muter Trust :

Securities in Railway Property, Manufactures, and New Zealand Government, Stocks valued at £21,328. For particulars, see Muter Account, p. 195.

4. Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund :

Securities, sundry investments at cost price, £31,349. For particulars, see Accounts, p. 197.

5. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund :

Sundry Investments at cost price, at December 31, 1885, £6,429. For particulars, see Accounts, p. 197.

COST OF CHURCHES.

Presbytery of Birmingham.

Date.	Sittings.	Cost.	Cost per Sitting.
		£	£ s. d.
1865 Birmingham, Camp Hill ...	600	4,000	6 13 4
1865 Derby ...	450	3,100	6 17 9
„ Sunday School Hall ...	—	700	—
1865 Leicester ...	700	4,500	6 8 7
1867 Nottingham ...	500	3,800	7 12 0
„ Lecture Hall ...	—	700	—
1867 Shrewsbury ...	500	5,042	10 1 7
1882 Walsall ...	550	3,264	5 18 8
1866 Worcester ...	800	7,000	8 15 0
		Average	£7 9 9

Presbytery of Bristol.

1875 Aberdare ...	400	4,600	11 10 0
1865 Cardiff ...	700	6,000*	8 11 5
1868 Gloucester ...	600	4,500	7 10 0
1864 Swansea ...	1,200	8,000	6 13 4
1885 Swindon (Lecture Hall) ...	300	1,222	4 1 6
		Average	£7 12 0

* Approximate.

Date.		Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
<i>Presbytery of Carlisle.</i>				
1863	Carlisle, Warwick Road (including Site for Manse)	... 650	2,618	4 0 6
	Manse (exclusive of site)	... —	1,005	—
1881	Harrington ...	... 250	1,450	5 16 0
Average				£4 10 5
<i>Presbytery of Darlington.</i>				
1873	Hull, Holderness Road	... 1,050	5,525	5 5 3
1868	„ Prospect Street...	... 850	6,000	7 1 4
1874	„ Springbank ...	... 500	6,100	12 4 0
1872	Middlesborough, Trinity	... 550	4,500	8 3 8
1867	Stockton, St. George's	... 550	7,445	13 10 9
1858	West Hartlepool ...	... 650	5,000	7 13 10
1874	Whitby ...	... 460	5,600	12 3 6
1874	York ...	... 800	6,000	7 10 0
Average				£8 10 8
<i>Presbytery of Liverpool.</i>				
1868	Birkenhead, Hamilton	... 600	3,000	5 0 0
1885	Bootle, Peel Road (Lecture Hall)	... 420	1,340	3 3 10
1864	Liverpool, Fairfield ...	... 600	6,154	10 5 2
1879	„ Sefton Park (including Lecture Hall, &c.)	900	19,869	22 1 6
1876	„ „ Union	907	7,746	8 10 10
1867	St. Helen's ...	... 500	3,452	6 18 0
	„ Manse and School ...	—	1,500	—
1870	Southport Church ...	... 450	6,910	15 7 1
1873	Waterloo ...	... 311	5,888	18 18 8
Average				£11 16 2
<i>Presbytery of London.</i>				
1867	Bournemouth ...	... 335	3,400	10 2 11
1877	Canterbury ...	... 440	5,000	11 7 3
1878	Eastbourne ...	... 700	6,700	9 11 5
1868	Gravesend ...	... 750	4,842	6 9 1
1870	Ipswich ...	... 500	4,100	8 4 0
	„ Lecture Hall	—	566	—
1881	London, Blackheath (Lecture Hall)	—	1,900	—
1869	„ Bow ...	... 468	3,650*	7 16 0
1882	„ Brockley (including Lecture Hall) ...	... 977	8,200	8 7 10
1867	„ Camberwell ...	... 550	7,178	13 1 0
1870	„ Camden Road ...	... 650	9,445	14 10 7
	„ Lecture Hall	—	1,150	—
1871	„ Clapton ...	... 550	6,368	11 11 7
1876	„ Crouch Hill ...	... 606	8,250	13 12 3
1868	„ Hammersmith ...	... 550	7,015	12 15 1
1885	„ Kingston and Surbiton	... 450	4,070	9 0 11
1869	„ Kentish Town ...	... 700	2,750*	3 18 7
1875	„ Marylebone ...	... 1,575	15,000	9 10 6
1870	„ New Barnet ...	... 290	2,825	9 14 10
1872	„ Notting Hill ...	... 870	13,234	15 4 3
1877	„ Oxenden ...	... 560	8,000	14 5 8
	„ Lecture Hall	—	1,400	—
1885	„ Richmond ...	... 501	3,862	7 14 2
1885	„ St. John's Wood ...	... 1,021	7,748†	7 11 9
1882	„ Somers Town ...	... 1,060	8,380	7 18 1
	Institute	... —	1,492	—

* Approximate.

† Inclusive of Hall, but exclusive of site.

Date.		Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1872	London, South Kensington	800	7,200	9 0 0
1885	" Stoke Newington	720	5,800	8 1 1
1875	" Streatham	389	5,696	14 12 10
1864	" Tottenham	450	6,000	13 6 8
1874	" Upper Norwood	520	6,500	12 6 0
	" Lecture Hall, &c.	—	1,000	—
1872	" Wandsworth	600	7,500	12 10 0
1875	" Willesden	400	3,500	8 15 0
1875	" Wood Green	500	5,852	11 14 1
1867	Norwich	650	4,323	6 13 0
	" Schoolroom & other property	—	2,177	—
1880	Portsmouth	586	6,966	11 17 9
1879	Reading	540	5,500	10 3 8
1883	St. Leonards	820	8,011	9 15 5
1874	Southampton, Woolston	386]	3,300	8 11 0
			Average	£10 1 5

Presbytery of Manchester.

1879	Leeds, Cavendish Road (including Lecture Hall)	600	6,000	10 0 0
1868	Manchester, Bowdon	400	7,000	17 10 0
1875	" Higher Broughton (including Lecture Hall, &c.)	650	8,000	12 6 2
1871	" Longsight (including Sabbath School)	450	5,500	12 4 5
1871	" Pendleton	500	3,800	7 10 0
1874	" Sale	700	6,600	9 8 7
	" Manse	—	1,650	—
1867	" Withington	560	6,227	11 2 5
1872	Ramsbottom	650	7,500	11 10 9
1869	Wigan	630	5,676	9 0 2
	" School and Cottage	—	1,000	—
			Average	£10 19 1

Presbytery of Newcastle.

1878	Blackhill	340	2,500	7 7 1
1883	Bellingham	250	1,750	7 0 0
1873	Blyth, Waterloo Road	600	5,300	8 16 8
1872	Durham	380	3,500	9 4 3
1869	Gateshead, Durham Road	850	7,500	8 16 6
1869	Hebburn-on-Tyne	880	14,000	15 18 2
1877	Houghton-le-Spring	400	3,500	8 15 0
1874	Jarrow, Wear Street	312	2,800	8 19 6
1885	Killingworth	330	1,100	3 6 8
1873	Newcastle, Barras Bridge	700	5,222	7 9 2
1881	" Heaton (Lecture Hall, &c.)	186	1,250	6 14 5
1872	" Westmoreland Road	750	6,000*	8 0 0
1883	Seaham Harbour	310	1,850	5 19 5
1877	South Shields, St. John's	630	5,500	8 14 7
1878	" " St. Paul's	380	3,200	8 8 5
1871	Sunderland, Trinity	700	4,000	5 14 3
1877	Wark	160	1,411	8 16 4
	" Manse	—	1,425	—
			Average	£8 12 6

Presbytery of Northumberland.

1860	Morpeth	850	4,350	5 2 4
1863	Newbiggin	300	709	2 7 3
			Average	£4 8 1
			Total Average	£9 11 7

* Approximate.

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART I.
CONGREGATIONAL.

GENERAL

OF

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PART I.—CON

F, Freehold ; L, Leasehold and number

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sitings Church Seated for.	Number of Sitings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	PRESBYTERIES.				£	£	£		
1	Ancroft Moor	1845	1880	F	1200	...	160	220	112
2	Beaumont	1850	1882	L 64	1000	...	...	360	353
3	Belford†	1776	1884	L 40	1300	...	...	360	237
4	Berwick—Bankhill	1719	1863	*L249	a600	...	...	400	280
5	—Church Street	1812	1883	F	1000	...	...	600	free
6	—Wallace Green	1769	1886	F	66400	...	...	1031	848
7	Chatton	1850	1851	L	800	...	...	500	260
8	Crookham	1732	1864	F	...	20	...	480	189
9	Etal	1697	1866	F	400	...	...	400	230
10	Horncliffe	1853	1858	F	800	...	70	325	180
11	Lowick	1665	1874	F	750	...	150	450	164
12	Norham—North... ..	1845	1858	F	...	...	300	500	196
13	—South... ..	1752	1870	F	500	...	...	350	120
14	Spittal	1745	1881	C	3700	550	...	700	327
15	Tweedmouth	1840	vacant	C	800	...	300	400	260
	One Preaching Station ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	free
					19250	570	980	7216	3756
	BIRMINGHAM.								
16	Birmingham—Broad Street	1839	vacant	L 53	4000	...	...	800	89
17	—Camphill	1865	vacant	F	4500	800	...	600	136
18	—New John Street	1855	1885	F	3000	...	...	400	72
19	—Smethwick	1853	vacant	F	2000	60	...	350	free
20	Burton-on-Trent	1861	1870	L 84	1600	52	...	334	130
21	Derby	1865	1865	F	2616	450	...	450	106
22	Dudley	1842	vacant	F	2000	250	...	500	50
23	Hanley	1847	1858	C	2400	870	...	500	190
24	Leicester	1865	1883	F	3000	1000	...	600	221
25	Nottingham	1867	1880	L 80	4000	...	...	500	236
26	Shrewsbury	1867	vacant	F	2700	...	...	500	48
27	Stafford	1672	1878	F	1000	...	...	250	170
28	Walsall	1877	1883	L 93	3000	380	...	550	85
29	Wolverhampton	1862	vacant	F	5000	1000	...	650	270
30	Worcester	1865	1885	F	5100	...	...	800	113
					45916	4862	...	7784	1916

(a) Manse Freehold.

(a) Exclusive of £300 insured on Manse.

(b) Exclusive of £1,200 insured on Manse.

STATISTICS

THE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

SYNOD IN 1886.

GREGATIONAL.

of years; C, Copyhold; P, Perpetuity.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.						
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.
							1885.	1884.										
3	4	...	5	14	21	...	115	117	1	6	...	...	...	1	14	...	...	7
6	...	12	27	61	59	3	344	318	...	14	2	17	...	9	93	...	...	15
6	...	12	16	56	39	6	235	208	...	17	6	...	...	7	48	...	...	28
7	10	...	7	21	16	2	270	260	6	14	2	7	11	9	78	...	...	4
11	...	18	11	12	28	15	315	335	2	11	13	18	6	12	115	...	15	40
16	...	22	10	26	46	35	†825	870	3	23	17	25	25	77	677	...	...	6
5	...	12	20	36	44	14	262	264	4	18	14	...	...	4	58	...	...	7
3	5	...	3	8	35	1	160	185	1	10	1	...	...	1	32	93	...	8
4	1	...	12	24	26	12	206	208	2	10	5	5	...	7	77	...	...	9
5	...	...	9	28	24	1	207	194	...	14	1	...	...	5	74	82	...	10
3	4	...	5	11	20	9	184	188	5	24	9	...	...	5	74	...	...	11
7	6	...	3	25	16	5	197	190	2	18	2	...	...	7	75	...	...	12
4	...	6	2	13	17	3	135	140	1	5	3	...	...	5	30	...	...	13
13	...	12	5	13	11	10	283	286	1	16	6	...	...	17	150	...	...	14
5	6	11	14	39	13	4	234	198	...	16	3	7	...	5	56	138	...	15
2	...	6	...	...	...	...	39	39	...	4	...	...	...	9	50	...	...	16
100	36	111	149	387	415	120	4011	4000	28	220	84	79	42	180	1701	313	70	350
5	...	12	...	5	16	2	120	126	3	14	2	...	18	24	220	...	...	16
6	...	18	12	16	12	11	157	152	...	14	1	20	25	35	409	...	35	17
5	...	9	...	1	5	10	69	83	1	2	1	11	29	23	220	...	12	18
5	...	12	...	1	2	2	75	83	...	2	...	8	...	19	109	...	...	19
5	...	12	6	7	2	7	102	98	3	6	1	...	...	23	177	...	...	20
2	...	9	11	2	3	7	90	87	1	7	1	1	15	18	119	...	12	21
...	...	12	...	2	...	18	44	60	...	...	2	...	...	16	140	...	...	22
5	...	9	19	10	7	42	113	133	3	10	3	...	20	16	112	...	16	23
3	...	7	4	6	2	2	90	84	2	6	...	6	15	10	65	...	24	...
6	...	15	12	21	8	11	225	211	4	18	3	18	23	46	409	...	69	24
2	...	5	...	1	...	33	58	88	1	1	1	...	...	11	102	...	...	25
3	...	12	8	2	14	3	118	125	5	11	3	12	10	15	164	...	...	26
3	...	12	4	3	...	5	76	74	...	3	...	6	15	19	218	...	35	27
7	...	12	3	3	2	15	206	219	2	9	2	8	30	17	150	...	27	28
4	4	...	3	4	2	16	82	93	2	...	...	...	...	21	228	...	...	29
61	4	156	82	84	75	184	1625	1716	27	103	20	90	200	313	2842	...	230	282

(c) Belongs to all the Berwick Congregations.

(†) Inclusive of 31 Mission District Communicants.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
BRISTOL.									
31	Aberdare...	1875	1886	L 989	£ 2500	£ 650	£ ...	400	100
32	Bristol ...	1855	1885	F	5100	...	...	700	366
33	Cardiff ...	1865	1881	L 78	5500	...	500	666	420
34	Cheltenham ...	1860	1873	F	2000	...	...	500	215
35	Gloucester ...	1868	1881	P	5000	...	...	600	250
36	Plymouth ...	1861	1864	F	5500	...	...	825	364
37	Swansea ...	1862	1885	L 77	7000	1300	...	1200	200
38	Swindon ...	1884	1886	F	1000	800	...	300	97
39	Torquay ...	1864	1872	L 75	4000	...	...	486	268
					37600	2750	500	5677	2280
CARLISLE.									
40	Bewcastle ...	1789	1881	L 3	...	...	...	200	free
41	Brampton ...	1672	1885	F	1000	...	...	280	116
42	Carlisle—Fisher Street ...	1689	1862	F	3310	...	...	571	503
43	„ —Warwick Road ...	1862	1873	F	1600	...	367	650	free
44	Cleator Moor ...	1867	1869	F	700	...	...	225	143
45	Haltwhistle ...	1744	1880	F	400	...	...	200	30
46	Harrington ...	1881	1881	L 995	1000	...	...	235	205
47	Maryport—Crosby Street ...	1831	1851	...	1000	...	...	400	236
48	„ —John Street... ..	1773	1880	F	1000	...	40	320	153
49	Penrith ...	1689	1885	F	1000	...	...	200	92
50	Silloth ...	1884	1884	...	...	...	...	...	...
51	Whitehaven—High Street ...	1749	1884	F	1000	...	...	400	108
52	„ —Market Place ...	1694	1866	F	2600	...	...	514	289
53	Workington ...	1745	1884	F	1000	...	...	250	196
Two Preaching Stations ...					...	...	...	250	free
					15610	...	407	4695	2071
DARLINGTON.									
54	Bishop Auckland ...	1863	1867	*L 79	1900	...	...	240	free
55	Crook ...	1861	vacant	F	1100	...	...	250	free
56	Darlington ...	1865	1880	F	2000	456	...	500	248
57	Grimsby ...	1874	1883	F	3000	1411	...	450	215
58	Harrogate ...	1876	1882	F	2400	500	...	430	79
59	Hartlepool ...	1839	1863	F	4000	2000	...	650	206
60	Hull—Holderness Road ...	1873	1882	F	4000	1100	...	1050	free
61	„ —Prospect Street ...	1867	vacant	F	3000	...	1000	850	free
62	„ —Springbank ...	1838	1882	F	4000	1830	...	500	free
63	Middlesbrough—Newport Road ...	1862	1879	F	2000	600	...	650	120
64	„ —Trinity ...	1872	1885	F	3350	145	...	550	182
65	Mount Pleasant ...	1863	1863	F	1650	...	...	300	110
66	Redcar ...	1872	1883	L	400	...	...	230	111
67	Scarborough ...	1880	1885	...	...	...	...	...	...
68	Stockton—St. Andrew's ...	1845	1871	F	3100	...	...	340	260
69	„ —St. George's ...	1867	1880	F	3000	1300	...	530	181
70	Towlaw ...	1863	1864	F	1000	...	...	200	free
71	West Hartlepool ...	1858	1858	F	5000	150	...	650	234
72	Whitby ...	1874	1885	F	3150	2150	...	500	80
73	York ...	1874	vacant	F	4000	750	...	850	83
					52050	12792	1000	9720	2109

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time	No. received by Certificate.	No. removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1885.	1884.												
5	...	9	...	5	5	6	51	57	1	3	...	...	...	13	80	...	25	15	31
6	...	15	2	12	8	15	192	201	1	2	5	...	50	24	195	...	46	36	32	
8	...	20	14	48	10	9	309	266	4	23	4	10	30	21	169	...	22	60	33	
7	...	7	8	7	20	2	145	147	2	6	2	25	112	21	191	...	...	28	34
6	...	9	8	2	10	11	161	172	2	8	3	13	...	19	240	...	...	...	35
5	6	...	6	6	14	17	177	196	8	21	1	8	...	37	475	...	35	50	36	
2	...	12	3	7	2	19	133	144	...	2	3	...	...	24	240	...	28	18	37
3	...	7	30	8	4	7	85	58	...	5	1	...	...	15	105	...	...	20	38
5	...	6	3	16	4	9	144	138	1	6	3	...	26	11	70	...	...	25	39
47	6	85	74	111	77	95	1397	1379	19	76	22	56	218	185	1765	...	156	252		
3	...	3	4	...	...	4	61	61	...	5	4	8	...	5	43	...	...	8	40
6	...	4	3	8	4	5	69	67	4	5	3	4	...	10	70	...	...	...	41
13	...	15	21	35	40	11	405	400	10	34	11	...	5	49	629	...	42	32	42	
6	13	...	15	14	34	12	288	305	5	18	2	30	15	61	448	...	25	80	43	
4	4	...	3	7	2	1	94	87	1	13	...	6	...	12	110	30	...	20	44	
1	...	8	...	2	2	1	31	32	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	...	...	10	45
7	...	15	51	6	7	31	168	149	...	23	3	...	...	23	274	...	...	31	46
5	...	14	3	12	8	13	124	130	3	16	5	6	...	29	207	...	...	27	47
6	...	6	2	7	10	10	115	127	3	5	4	...	...	17	110	...	...	...	48
3	...	7	15	8	5	4	99	89	1	5	2	...	...	14	63	...	...	...	49
...	...	10	...	1	2	1	70	72	...	5	1	1	...	11	65	...	...	8	50
4	...	15	8	5	3	10	115	115	3	6	4	5	...	12	100	...	...	36	51
5	...	7	6	9	8	13	220	224	1	28	4	14	28	23	209	...	...	44	52
6	...	12	31	8	2	13	158	134	2	...	1	8	...	29	327	...	...	...	53
2	...	3	...	...	2	3	41	43	...	2	2	9	...	6	51	...	...	...
71	17	119	162	122	12	132	2058	2035	33	165	46	91	48	303	2713	30	67	296		
4	...	10	4	11	8	17	96	106	3	10	...	26	16	13	126	...	...	20	54
6	...	13	5	1	6	3	93	96	2	11	...	10	...	21	160	...	10	...	55	
7	9	...	7	19	6	26	183	214	2	13	3	16	15	47	430	...	27	20	56	
7	3	...	17	4	5	11	151	146	1	15	3	21	30	21	229	...	25	18	57	
5	...	10	8	1	2	5	68	66	...	1	2	...	...	10	56	...	...	...	58
3	...	16	1	8	9	7	173	180	...	16	...	9	12	22	200	...	10	14	59	
5	14	...	28	6	2	22	197	187	5	7	4	...	...	59	708	...	10	28	60
20	...	...	74	17	10	30	568	525	...	19	8	30	30	73	572	...	...	40	61
4	10	...	12	10	13	11	123	125	3	10	...	...	...	14	120	...	...	15	62
3	...	15	7	12	9	11	129	130	1	10	2	16	...	18	145	...	25	30	63	
4	...	12	10	15	16	8	170	169	4	11	3	6	...	22	270	...	95	15	64	
5	...	11	5	5	7	12	106	115	1	10	2	6	...	19	127	...	...	27	65
4	...	7	3	4	3	2	84	87	...	3	...	...	20	8	72	...	...	...	66
...	...	7	...	...	...	1	50	47	...	...	...	...	...	4	40	...	12	10	67
8	...	15	2	15	17	10	227	237	4	17	3	7	12	33	318	...	...	...	68
6	6	...	1	6	5	4	138	141	3	10	1	6	20	13	249	...	23	18	69	
4	...	9	7	1	...	16	74	82	1	9	...	1	...	16	120	...	...	13	70
6	...	12	8	14	19	7	206	210	3	17	4	...	...	45	481	...	40	7	71
3	...	8	3	2	...	16	87	103	3	6	...	...	...	15	120	...	...	14	72
3	7	...	15	14	4	23	117	115	...	5	3	10	...	10	70	...	40	14	73	
107	49	145	217	165	141	242	3040	3081	36	200	38	164	155	483	4613	...	317	303		

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						Church.	Manse.		
LIVERPOOL.						£	£	£	
74	Barrow-in-Furness	1868	1870	F	6200	395	...	758	303
75	Birkenhead—Egremont... ..	1859	1865	F	5000	749	420
76	„ —Grange Road	1846	¹⁸⁴⁷ 1880	F	4100	...	...	637	555
77	„ —Hamilton... ..	1868	1874	F	4200	...	350	600	200
78	„ —Rock Ferry	1856	1857	F	3800	...	...	630	291
79	„ —St. Andrew's	1840	1868	F	4000	...	...	793	330
80	„ —St. Paul's	1858	1870	F	2600	716	...	410	271
81	„ —Trinity, Cloughton	1863	1863	F	8500	...	...	782	605
82	„ —West Kirby	1885	vacant	L 97	500	...	...	230	free
83	Bootle—Peel Road	1884	1884	L 99	1200	400	...	420	306
84	„ —Trinity	1855	1877	L999a	2000	...	...	498	479
85	Chester—Chester	1846	¹⁸⁶⁷ 1883	F	1500	1100	...	414	96
86	„ —Parkgate	1858	1875	F	3000	374	...	300	free
87	„ —Sutton	1850	vacant	F	500	...	...	250	114
88	Isle of Man—Douglas	1825	1885	F	3000	...	...	510	201
89	„ —Ramsey	1834	1878	P	1700	500	...	350	105
90	Liverpool—Canning Street	1844	1880	F	7500	...	...	984	468
91	„ —Everton Valley	1862	1868	L 59	5000	...	...	350	583
92	„ —Fairfield	1864	1866	F	5100	...	...	600	440
93	„ —Islington	1845	1874	F	5000	...	...	832	598
94	„ —Mount Pleasant	1807	1881	L	6600	...	...	1000	367
95	„ —Prince's Road	1864	1879	F	5500	690	...	596	300
96	„ —Queen's Road	1861	1864	F	6000	1000	...	850	281
97	„ —St. George's	1845	1877	F	8000	...	...	1105	617
98	„ —St. Peter's	1842	1878	F	6000	...	...	700	230
99	„ —Sefton Park	1879	1880	L	15750	...	...	800	800
100	„ —Shaw Street	1860	1876	F	3000	...	...	500	148
101	„ —Trinity	1857	1858	F	2560	...	...	500	245
102	„ —Union	1876	1878	L 68	5000	52½	...	907	free
103	„ —Vauxhall Road	1867	1868	F	3000	...	...	450	free
104	„ —Walton	1884	1884	L 4	1000	...	...	300	free
105	„ —Waterloo	1873	1873	F	5000	...	...	343	330
106	St. Helen's	1867	1875	L 981	6000	...	...	500	175
107	Southport	1870	1879	F	6150	...	...	450	231
					153960	5700	350	20698	10089
LONDON.									
108	Aldershot	1862	1863	F	2000	...	...	750	free
109	Aston Tirrold	1662	1874	F	500	..	...	150	free
110	Bournemouth	1857	1885	F	3100	...	...	310	225
111	Brighton—Queen's Road	1845	1880	F	4000	...	300	650	free
112	„ —Trinity	1870	1871	F	2000	400	...	450	300
113	Canterbury	1877	1883	F	4500	1100	...	440	80
114	Chatham	1839	1884	L 75	1350	...	...	560	free
115	Croydon	1867	1880	F	9400	...	820	540	280
116	Darenth	1881	vacant	F	...	...	...	130	42
Carried forward					26850	1500	1120	3980	927

(a) Congregation meet in the Schoolroom.

Church in course of completion.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

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							1885.	1884.												
9	...	14	12	6	12	18	299	331	3	21	7	40	...	33	323	...	30	29	74	
12	...	12	5515	529	...	20	...	52	25	116	1320	926	35	...	75	
8	...	17	34	28	16	37	462	453	2	9	3	65	20	76	851	...	50	100	76	
7	...	6	11	11	11	6	161	156	4	10	3	6	...	9	168	230	...	12	77	
6	...	14	15	17	8	24	258	256	1	21	2	17	120	51	955	...	35	25	78	
12	11	...	21	21	13	13	418	402	...	...	...	16	100	59	776	959	44	35	79
7	...	13	18	21	17	17	231	226	2	22	...	10	20	35	468	...	40	51	80	
10	...	12	21	17	3	24	*376	342	2	10	2	10	10	39	631	...	...	40	81
2	...	9	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
4	...	15	46	76	8	18	253	157	...	33	3	15	...	35	397	...	44	70	83	
8	...	15	21	32	48	91	590	675	4	33	17	15	71	64	704	...	57	42	84	
3	1	6	8	4	13	5	69	75	...	3	1	4	10	22	140	...	14	35	85	
2	...	12	3	6	11	1	69	72	2	4	1	...	...	8	86	...	...	25	86
3	...	6	3	7	10	...	76	76	...	2	...	6	...	14	159	...	...	12	87
9	9	...	10	9	2	...	167	151	1	15	...	...	...	16	118	...	30	...	88
3	...	7	...	7	...	...	68	67	...	7	...	2	...	20	170	...	...	...	89
11	8	...	17	40	31	29	c556	510	...	10	8	27	40	98	1012	...	88	90	90	
8	...	18	27	34	41	37	586	603	4	31	18	10	11	68	755	...	37	53	91	
5	...	10	13	28	...	...	345	315	5	21	...	18	40	48	725	...	50	30	92
6	...	15	41	24	10	35	551	530	8	26	6	...	15	72	907	...	40	116	93	
10	...	16	15	8	11	22	337	347	...	8	9	10	30	49	416	...	...	40	94
8	...	15	9	31	15	41	385	401	6	31	8	11	25	23	268	...	30	33	95	
7	...	24	10	18	10	25	304	311	2	19	4	15	16	72	813	...	45	40	96	
7	15	...	20	35	7	45	493	490	4	21	4	7	40	44	395	...	35	...	97	
9	...	18	23	13	13	23	376	376	3	27	10	14	...	51	461	...	35	...	98	
12	7	...	52	79	31	14	634	533	2	33	8	40	200	77	1056	...	99	250	99	
4	...	16	13	11	10	32	180	198	4	12	2	7	...	17	160	...	40	30	100	
4	...	12	6	5	3	4	189	187	...	8	4	...	13	16	130	...	...	70	101
8	...	10	28	30	44	51	549	586	10	36	9	15	40	74	636	...	56	24	102	
3	6	...	7	1	...	2	108	98	...	12	2	...	100	12	294	...	...	10	103
3	...	9	6	30	8	5	99	76	...	9	1	...	...	10	94	...	...	...	104
3	...	8	18	25	11	5	170	143	...	18	3	13	20	13	127	...	...	10	105
5	...	12	10	9	6	8	140	135	5	9	...	6	15	27	333	...	23	40	106	
8	...	8	1	7	7	22	157	173	3	4	6	...	...	12	88	...	12	13	107
226	57	349	539	690	430	654	10216	9985	77	547	139	451	981	1380	15936	2115	979	1325		
4	...	15	10	6	9	3	133	129	28	7	1	12	16	19	168	...	50	24	108	
3	...	2	3	...	1	3	55	56	...	2	1	5	13	5	23	31	...	8	109	
9	2	...	9	4	1	25	154	163	2	1	3	...	...	36	266	...	...	63	110
2	7	...	3	9	6	35	204	233	2	6	6	8	30	59	507	...	40	46	111	
4	...	12	...	...	...	...	120	120	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	112
2	...	4	7	2	...	2	64	53	1	6	1	10	...	12	130	...	12	58	113	
1	...	15	24	14	13	10	190	175	5	6	3	...	12	11	104	...	...	12	114
4	11	...	28	10	30	15	203	210	1	5	3	...	20	12	110	...	...	22	115
...	...	6	...	...	...	...	20	33	...	6	...	...	...	4	24	...	...	...	116
29	20	54	84	45	60	93	1143	1172	39	39	18	35	106	158	1332	31	102	233		

* Inclusive of 37 Mission District Communicants.

(b) Inclusive of 200 Mission District Communicants.

(c) Inclusive of 49 Mission District Communicants.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.										
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Ministers' Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sitzings Church Seated for.	Number of Sitzings let.	
						Church.	Manse.			
	Brought forward ..	...	...		£	£	£	
117	Eastbourne ...	1878	1878	F	26850	1500	1120	3980	927	
118	Edenbridge ...	1882	1886	...	6500	3700	...	700	412	
119	Gravesend ...	1868	1879	F	...	...	...	200	66	
120	Guernsey ...	1886	1882	F	4200	1408	...	750	200	
121	Highfields Withyham ...	1881	1881	P	500	166	...	210	56	
122	Holybourne ...	1880	vacant	F	...	...	...	200	free	
123	Ipswich ...	1868	1880	P	...	...	...	270	free	
124	Jersey ...	1886	vacant	F	3550	...	...	470	266	
125	Lewes ...	1865	1877	F	4000	...	...	465	300	
126	London—Belgrave ...	1865	1877	F	£1400	...	...	350	87	
127	" —Bermondsey ...	1846	1882	L 32	4000	2000	...	600	304	
128	" —Blackheath ...	1873	vacant	F	600	500	...	320	97	
129	" —Bow Road ...	1881	1884	F	1170	168	...	250	125	
130	" —Brockley ...	1869	vacant	L 70	3300	750	...	468	69	
131	" —Camberwell ...	1877	1881	P	6000	2600	...	977	302	
132	" —Camden Road ...	1867	1875	F	5700	1235	...	550	444	
133	" —Canonbury ...	1887	1883	L 80	8000	1200	...	650	373	
134	" —Clapham Road ...	1672	1880	L 45	3500	150	...	450	150	
135	" —Clapton ...	1861	1875	F	12300	...	...	1380	834	
136	" —College Park ...	1856	1861	F	6000	750	...	550	210	
137	" —Crouch Hill ...	1886	vacant	L 97	...	...	...	250	free	
138	" —Ealing ...	1876	1883	F	8200	*1200	...	830	546	
139	" —East India Road ...	1875	1876	F	800	...	...	a ...	a ...	
140	" —Forest Hill ...	1865	1865	L 71	2200	...	...	350	130	
141	" —Greenwich ...	1870	1883	F	8300	2220	...	800	404	
142	" —Hammersmith ...	1842	1873	L 61	7650	...	...	825	290	
143	" —Hampstead ...	1869	1869	L 83	5000	750	...	550	340	
144	" —Highbury ...	1845	1864	F	6000	...	...	475	258	
145	" —Islington ...	1859	¹⁸⁶⁰ 1885	L 64	14000	...	...	950	642	
146	" —Kensington ...	1839	1863	F	4650	...	...	800	676	
147	" —Kentish Town ...	1862	1882	L 72	7000	1900	...	650	358	
148	" —Kingston-on-Thames ...	1869	1882	L 44	2000	550	...	700	181	
149	" —Marylebone ...	1874	1879	F	3000	2000	...	450	160	
150	" —Millwall ...	1844	1870	L 86	12000	1200	2000	1575	813	
151	" —New Barnet ...	1862	1872	L 75	1000	...	...	300	76	
152	" —Notting Hill ...	1870	1877	F	2400	...	...	280	127	
153	" —Oxendon ...	1872	1880	F	8200	...	...	790	400	
154	" —Putney ...	1884	1884	F	5000	2200	...	600	240	
155	" —Regent Square ...	1879	1879	F	1500	1000	...	300	140	
156	" —Richmond ...	1822	1869	F	15000	...	...	998	950	
157	" —St. John's Wood ...	1877	1878	F	5000	2452	...	501	161	
158	" —Silvertown ...	1853	1880	F	9000	1151	...	1021	936	
159	" —Somers Town ...	1883	1883	F	1000	...	252	202	131	
160	" —South Kensington ...	1876	1876	L 44	9100	...	...	1060	428	
161	" —Southwark ...	1872	1873	F	7500	3000	...	800	350	
162	" —Stepney ...	1845	1884	L 17	2000	...	...	800	95	
163	" —Stoke Newington ...	1844	vacant	L 28	3500	100	...	850	152	
164	" —Stratford ...	1880	1883	F	4320	3500	...	710	230	
165	" —Streatham ...	1863	1877	F	7500	1500	...	810	300	
166	" —Tooting ...	1875	1885	F	4800	640	...	440	210	
167	" —Tottenham ...	1881	1881	F	800	...	300	500	109	
	Carried forward ...	1863	1865	F	3400	...	755	450	191	
					269390	41424	4427	34407	15246	

(*) Inclusive of £500 on Organ.

(†) Estimate.

(a) No return.

(b) Inclusive of 117 Mission Communicants.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. admitted 1st Time.	No. received by Certificate	No. removed by Certificate	Number lapse &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1885.	1884.												
29	20	54	84	45	60	93	1143	1172	39	39	18	35	106	158	1332	31	102	233		
3	...	16	12	9	8	1	216	204	5	19	1	...	30	15	138	...	12	101	117	
...	...	7	...	...	...	...	27	42	...	6	...	...	...	5	40	...	...	12	111
4	3	...	14	2	3	2	89	100	1	7	...	...	3	15	150	...	...	...	119
2	...	4	5	7	3	4	39	34	4	4	2	...	...	11	40	...	...	...	120
2	...	1	...	...	...	...	19	19	...	5	...	...	...	1	40	...	...	...	121
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	43	...	3	...	2	...	3	15	...	...	...	122
7	...	7	14	24	9	2	190	164	4	14	1	15	41	24	201	...	22	31	123	
7	...	12	9	21	5	19	280	274	2	4	3	23	45	24	151	...	15	20	124	
4	2	...	7	...	...	1	69	63	1	3	1	5	24	15	118	...	...	...	125
6	...	...	17	34	23	38	264	274	...	4	2	7	80	38	357	...	40	30	126
...	...	8	4	2	4	...	93	91	...	...	...	...	...	19	162	...	...	...	127
6	...	...	2	16	1	...	68	51	...	1	...	...	...	11	157	...	...	...	128
1	...	9	...	5	3	9	64	71	1	9	1	...	...	8	58	...	...	...	129
10	9	...	23	51	27	32	275	259	2	14	1	40	40	22	207	...	62	80	130	
5	5	...	59	20	24	48	410	403	4	18	3	12	45	40	480	...	85	40	131	
10	10	...	41	38	32	12	343	308	3	19	4	9	40	81	675	...	45	20	132	
4	...	10	12	14	10	6	160	150	1	3	2	15	20	40	409	...	37	30	133	
16	...	12	151	68	202	75	b1012	1070	6	28	8	15	187	80	923	...	107	66	134	
2	1	10	5	1	4	24	112	134	...	3	4	5	30	22	279	...	...	36	135
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	120	...	30	...	...	...	22	400	...	...	50	136
8	...	9	13	42	25	12	301	283	2	11	3	13	19	37	440	...	80	20	137	
1	...	8	4	22	4	15	91	84	1	3	...	5	14	8	77	...	...	15	138
4	4	...	7	5	6	32	131	157	1	...	2	8	...	15	150	...	30	10	139	
6	...	17	8	29	22	3	230	218	...	12	3	6	29	30	229	...	54	36	140	
8	6	...	18	14	1	2	257	248	1	7	2	9	25	31	360	...	15	26	141	
5	...	12	13	12	7	10	203	188	2	6	...	12	15	18	207	...	...	13	142
10	9	...	5	17	12	17	221	228	...	3	5	6	36	18	118	...	12	191	143	
16	...	12	47	55	41	29	d 574	542	4	9	6	29	80	79	1326	...	63	90	144	
17	11	3	...	...	...	...	530	530	7	24	...	...	30	66	829	...	85	34	145
6	9	...	4	46	10	19	222	201	4	6	1	8	98	20	139	...	35	125	146	
10	...	...	45	3	5	28	248	233	6	20	2	14	35	56	647	...	60	45	147
5	4	...	6	4	...	13	103	106	1	4	2	...	12	13	127	...	...	14	148
14	19	...	51	69	52	67	835	834	11	13	8	8	21	88	1036	...	38	75	149	
3	...	4	5	3	3	24	98	117	1	6	...	2	9	15	280	...	...	...	150
3	...	6	3	12	14	1	80	80	...	4	1	4	16	11	134	...	15	15	151	
11	10	...	51	28	10	26	307	246	1	14	2	14	20	55	552	...	36	44	152	
8	...	12	35	31	9	2	198	143	3	11	2	8	12	21	275	...	28	32	153	
...	...	5	3	4	5	7	60	65	1	3	...	...	13	...	...	...	24	47	154
28	18	...	36	61	75	36	805	819	5	21	17	24	68	185	2170	...	84	...	155	
5	6	...	9	19	17	3	104	98	1	2	3	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	156
15	...	11	86	99	19	99	e 899	832	5	77	11	6	50	73	847	...	70	119	157	
5	...	13	28	f 21	...	6	120	77	...	20	1	5	...	13	84	...	...	30	158
13	...	40	221	12	102	103	865	849	6	66	8	4	...	22	500	...	33	16	159	
4	...	12	...	...	...	...	250	272	...	...	...	...	...	15	140	...	...	50	160
6	5	...	...	13	...	...	115	121	1	7	...	...	...	13	200	...	20	15	161
5	5	...	11	1	22	32	189	216	2	9	2	...	28	22	291	...	32	...	162	
3	...	12	8	27	3	...	132	100	3	7	...	...	20	28	220	...	...	19	163
3	...	11	7	24	6	3	283	359	5	26	3	...	14	30	320	...	...	...	164
7	...	6	7	9	9	...	165	158	1	5	...	11	27	20	169	...	25	54	165	
1	...	...	3	3	1	...	42	37	...	6	...	...	8	3	29	...	...	...	166
6	6	...	9	16	6	12	162	156	5	20	1	5	10	36	528	83	72	20	167	
355	166	343	1202	1058	904	970	13847	13643	153	655	136	384	1330	1695	18747	114	1438	1904		

(c) Exclusive of £600 insured on Manse.

(d) Inclusive of 153 Mission Communicants.

(e) Inclusive of 181 members

belonging to the Foreign Mission.

(f) 15 months.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	Brought forward ...				£ 269390	£ 41424	£ 4427	34407	15246
168	London—Upper Norwood ...	1874	1874	L 82	7000	1055	...	546	306
169	" —Victoria Docks ...	1874	1881	L 86	3500	...	...	420	170
170	" —Wandsworth... ..	1872	1877	F	5000	...	...	650	188
171	" —Westbourne Grove ...	1861	1871	F	7300	...	...	b ...	b ...
172	" —Whitfield	1873	1885	L	...	...	...	800	40
173	" —Willesden	1875	1884	L 90	5500	2500	...	540	450
174	" —Wimbledon	1884	vacant	L 99	...	...	...	225	52
175	" —Wood Green	1875	¹⁸⁷⁵ F	F	7300	450	...	500	299
176	" —Woolwich New Road ...	1729	¹⁸⁷⁹ F	F	5000	600	...	1100	263
177	" —" St. Andrew's ...	1861	¹⁸³⁹ F	F	4000	...	...	430	348
178	Norwich... ..	1867	1880	L 70	4000	...	...	650	319
179	Portsmouth	1859	1885	F	*5000	...	1000	650	319
180	Rangoon	1881	1881	L 990	5000	1777	...	520	207
181	Reading	1876	1881	F	708	...	425	350	free
182	St. Leonard's-on-Sea—Silverhill	1853	1884	F	4000	3150	...	650	188
183	" —Warrior Square ...	1882	1877	F	1800	...	...	260	100
184	Singapore ... ..	...	1882	F	6500	6404	...	560	160
185	Southampton—St. Andrew's	1849	1883	...	...	...	...	165	f 78
186	" —Totton	1876	vacant	F	4000	...	...	600	376
187	" —Woolston	1876	1876	F	500	200	...	200	96
188	Wallington	1874	1880	F	4000	450	...	386	f100
	Four Preaching Stations ...	1880	1880	...	...	...	...	250	104
					200	...	40	1300	92
					345698	58010	5892	45509	19182
	MANCHESTER.								
189	Blackburn—Mount Street ...	1866	1874	L 923	1000	...	...	560	97
190	" —St. George's	1809	1868	L 981	6000	†2510	...	1000	398
191	Bolton	1840	1882	F	2000	...	...	500	261
192	Bradford	1847	1878	F	3000	...	...	500	343
193	Crewe	1845	1882	F	2500	50	...	380	150
194	Leeds—Cavendish Road ...	1864	1884	F	5500	2325	...	600	268
195	" —St. Columba	1853	1864	F	2300	100	...	350	148
196	Manchester—Ancoats	1839	1883	F	2000	...	...	650	free
197	" —Bowdon	1868	vacant	L 999	5000	...	...	400	free
198	" —Brunswick Street ...	1798	1861	F	6000	...	...	644	340
199	" —Eccles	1877	1880	F	400	...	...	200	80
200	" —Grosvenor Square ...	1830	1884	F	6800	...	...	820	400
201	" —Higher Broughton ...	1874	1877	C	6000	...	...	650	189
202	" —Longsight... ..	1871	1878	F	4000	300	...	370	216
203	" —Pendleton... ..	1871	1883	L	2000	...	...	500	196
204	" —St. Andrew's	1846	1872	F	4600	...	...	800	376
205	" —Sale	1874	1874	F	‡5000	...	...	600	232
206	" —Salford	1845	1873	C	5000	150	...	800	174
207	" —Trinity	1845	1847	F	3500	...	...	750	340
208	" —Whalley Range	1849	1875	c P	‡6400	...	...	305	305
209	" —Withington	1867	1882	L	5000	...	...	520	434
	Carried forward				84000	5435	...	11899	4947

(*) Exclusive of £800 insured on Manse.

(b) No return.

(c) Subject to chief rent.

(f) No return having come to hand for this column the figures for 1884 have been filled in.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1885.	1884.												
355	166	343	1202	1058	904	970	13847	13643	153	655	136	384	1330	1695	18747	114	1438	1904		
7	...	11	16	36	25	14	216	203	...	9	2	...	15	11	72	...	...	46	168
4	...	6	4	19	4	15	157	153	5	7	3	...	13	25	446	...	...	...	169
7	4	...	9	14	7	13	201	198	3	6	1	7	32	24	350	...	21	12	170	
7	...	11	...	...	...	...	226	224	1	5	...	5	30	21	250	...	...	...	171
5	...	...	14	40	...	...	97	54	4	4	...	12	25	14	93	...	...	40	172
9	11	...	11	25	19	1	238	222	3	9	1	30	30	35	425	...	...	70	173
...	...	7	...	4	...	...	45	38	...	2	...	...	...	6	25	...	...	...	174
6	...	10	43	37	23	21	231	195	1	13	2	11	27	22	234	...	29	25	175	
5	6	...	6	8	4	8	222	220	7	26	5	8	27	...	466	...	34	105	176	
4	...	17	13	2	2	8	234	229	6	11	2	6	22	29	340	...	40	...	177	
8	6	...	24	17	4	3	210	176	4	12	...	24	...	21	131	...	22	15	178	
4	3	...	17	19	8	12	113	97	2	6	6	...	...	21	112	...	25	45	179
2	...	5	2	7	6	3	78	79	3	10	2	...	...	4	47	...	...	...	180
2	...	12	19	37	8	7	130	89	5	4	2	8	...	18	129	...	26	28	181	
4	...	8	1	2	3	12	76	91	3	5	1	10	...	15	180	...	25	...	182	
...	...	5	15	20	15	9	140	129	2	11	3	6	18	13	103	...	29	30	183	
7	2	10	g 7	g 22	...	g 19	89	77	g 11	g 28	1	...	...	6	35	...	...	...	184
5	6	...	2	7	10	7	252	260	4	10	5	14	34	30	327	...	...	...	185
3	...	6	3	2	...	3	47	45	...	5	1	7	...	12	122	...	...	10	186
2	...	2	51	...	4	6	110	86	4	11	3	12	33	16	207	...	...	24	187
3	...	9	19	18	5	23	108	98	...	20	4	5	15	17	196	...	...	7	188
1	...	29	138	69	...	42	180	20	...	...	3	14	...	41	532	...	61	27	
450	204	491	1616	1467	1051	1196	17247	16626	221	869	185	563	1651	2096	23569	114	1750	2388		
2	...	16	2	...	...	...	58	56	4	8	...	11	...	9	150	...	...	20	189
16	...	25	25	15	11	23	510	504	8	39	13	47	30	77	927	617	40	18	190	
7	...	9	5	4	7	4	290	292	5	20	3	5	4	26	227	...	30	22	191	
10	...	15	18	11	7	5	248	233	2	13	1	...	30	22	400	...	31	...	192	
3	...	6	2	12	3	1	122	112	5	5	1	8	12	18	216	820	...	40	193	
11	...	15	13	25	11	3	241	210	2	15	3	...	...	25	146	...	62	71	194
1	...	16	13	19	4	16	122	63	2	10	2	4	7	8	50	...	32	30	195	
8	11	...	11	22	12	19	255	253	2	12	10	8	22	24	268	560	37	35	196	
4	...	8	7	...	3	...	118	130	...	2	...	...	...	11	155	...	...	...	197
9	...	15	31	35	16	20	313	283	5	9	5	37	75	54	515	...	...	30	198
2	...	9	2	4	9	11	76	90	...	5	3	...	...	12	88	...	23	10	199
10	10	...	8	41	5	7	399	362	1	11	7	24	54	41	429	...	...	...	200
4	3	8	13	8	2	4	122	107	1	5	...	10	28	16	119	...	24	18	201	
9	11	...	3	11	8	6	175	175	1	12	...	10	...	33	330	...	45	20	202	
7	...	12	21	20	11	12	202	183	2	13	5	30	...	30	335	125	44	21	203	
7	13	20	23	12	10	23	256	249	6	20	6	12	30	27	282	...	30	20	204	
3	...	17	13	23	5	11	175	155	4	7	4	58	25	25	237	...	66	58	205	
7	9	...	18	18	19	13	259	255	3	...	3	12	20	35	321	...	30	45	206	
4	9	...	6	10	9	5	218	216	6	9	3	12	6	30	359	436	30	22	207	
12	...	20	14	14	69	24	338	403	1	15	3	14	21	50	377	...	46	77	208	
9	9	...	19	28	10	26	265	254	9	8	4	20	95	20	190	...	64	68	209	
145	75	211	267	332	231	233	4762	4585	69	238	76	322	469	593	6121	2558	634	625		

(t) Debt on Whalley Range Mission School, Blackburn.

(d) Exclusive of £1,500 insured on Mause.

(e) Inclusive of £3,400 insured on Coupland Street Church.

(g) For two years.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.									
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
					£	£	£		
	Brought forward ...				84000	5435		11899	4947
210	Oldham ...	1884	vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...
211	Preston ...	1877	1877	F	500	...	...	250	196
212	Ramsbottom ...	1672	1874	L 999	4000	200	...	600	200
213	Risley ...	1662	vacant	F	1000	...	...	150	19
214	Rochdale ...	1866	1884	L 982	4000	120	...	850	350
215	Sheffield ...	1854	1885	L 769	4300	...	...	470	248
216	Warrington ...	1854	1877	L 921	3000	...	...	450	115
217	Wharton... ..	1662	1862	F	1500	...	...	300	219
218	Wigan ...	1777	1881	F	4000	1500	...	620	182
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	F	...	...	...	150	free
					106300	7255		15739	6476
NEWCASTLE.									
219	Bellingham ...	1806	1871	F	2200	...	...	250	185
220	Blackhill... ..	1857	1869	F	2500	...	...	350	184
221	Blyth—Bridge Street ...	1820	1861	P	500	10	...	450	130
222	„ —Waterloo Road	1777	1885	F	4000	700	...	500	270
223	Durham ...	1872	1880	F	3000	...	...	380	146
224	Falstone ...	1709	1882	F	500	...	...	270	210
225	Gateshead—Durham Road	1869	1876	F	6000	2555	...	850	304
226	„ —Ellison Street	1783	1885	F	1000	...	...	450	200
227	Gosforth ...	1877	1877	F	1200	...	...	280	126
228	Hebburn ...	1869	1882	F	7000	...	...	725	215
229	Hexham ...	1702	1856	F	2100	...	...	362	free
230	Houghton-le-Spring	1825	1869	F	3000	700	...	400	146
231	Jarrow—Ellison Street...	1852	1857	L 78	4800	...	...	920	450
232	„ —St. Kilda's	1872	vacant	L 90	2000	135	...	312	30
233	Killingworth ...	1869	vacant	L 274	400	...	...	170	33
234	Newcastle—Barras Bridge	1744	1834	F	4000	250	...	700	634
235	„ —Blackett Street	1743	1863	F	5000	...	...	650	640
236	„ —Frskine	1853	1857	F	1500	50	...	365	120
237	„ —Heaton	1877	1878	F	800	300	...	187	114
238	„ —John Knox	1708	1882	F	4175	...	...	616	448
239	„ —St. George's	1851	1854	F	2900	300	...	610	...
240	„ —Trinity	1765	1875	F	4000	...	...	814	794
241	„ —Westmoreland Road	1801	1872	F	5000	700	...	750	455
242	North Shields—Howard Street	1662	1873	F	2000	...	...	600	430
243	„ —Northumberland Square	1779	1882	F	3700	400	...	619	495
244	Seaham ...	1881	1882	L 74	2000	450	...	300	170
245	Seaton Burn	1873	1874	L 64	800	...	...	250	80
246	Seaton Delaval ...	1845	1857	F	1000	...	...	400	208
247	South Shields—Laygate	1849	1862	F	3550	...	...	500	free
248	„ —Mile End Road	1758	1867	F	2500	...	...	520	205
249	„ —St. John's	1694	1870	F	4000	...	...	630	340
	Carried forward ...				87125	6550		15180	7772

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1885.	1884.											
145	75	211	267	332	231	233	4762	4585	69	238	76	322	469	593	6121	2558	634	625	
...	...	10	...	...	...	...	30	30	...	2	...	...	20	6	70	...	...	...	210
6	...	24	34	20	15	21	230	212	4	24	4	7	...	23	231	...	...	40	211
4	1	3	8	11	5	1	117	104	...	12	1	10	25	13	200	73	...	22	212
4	...	9	2	4	...	...	17	13	...	2	...	...	...	4	50	124	...	...	213
5	...	16	13	10	4	5	126	112	4	5	2	10	...	30	288	...	40	80	214
2	...	9	4	13	11	4	215	213	...	3	2	6	102	28	238	...	...	25	215
2	...	9	1	8	3	6	77	77	1	5	2	5	...	12	134	...	...	9	216
4	...	16	1	1	1	...	80	79	1	9	...	4	...	29	215	268	22	...	217
7	4	...	11	5	8	2	174	168	6	11	...	25	...	25	338	430	25	...	218
1	...	3	...	...	...	2	21	23	...	1	...	...	...	7	59	...	...	...
180	80	310	341	404	278	274	5849	5616	85	312	87	389	616	770	7944	3453	721	801	
6	...	12	2	4	2	11	145	152	2	9	9	9	...	4	48	...	...	7	219
4	...	13	27	5	14	1	184	166	1	18	1	...	...	15	117	...	...	33	220
3	...	9	...	...	4	3	90	96	...	6	3	...	...	12	80	...	...	...	221
8	...	7	15	18	1	7	228	203	6	6	5	24	...	30	282	...	...	36	222
6	...	8	5	26	27	5	159	160	4	11	1	...	25	17	150	...	15	12	223
8	...	11	22	8	6	4	160	140	1	13	2	...	...	3	28	184	...	...	224
9	...	15	28	16	15	15	375	361	7	22	1	...	...	25	280	...	20	33	225
10	4	...	12	18	15	...	295	280	4	8	...	20	...	27	174	...	...	20	226
4	...	9	8	13	16	7	87	89	...	10	2	...	...	11	70	...	...	...	227
6	9	...	5	9	12	21	251	270	...	27	5	...	...	28	311	...	24	48	228
8	...	12	13	26	14	10	209	194	...	9	5	...	...	14	114	...	50	19	229
10	...	16	11	1	17	2	130	137	3	12	2	...	...	14	139	...	...	23	230
15	...	12	20	13	20	10	510	507	6	37	10	...	...	50	568	...	...	23	231
2	...	9	6	3	11	5	90	97	...	...	...	...	...	8	91	...	...	...	232
3	2	10	4	6	...	11	53	54	...	8	3	...	...	6	53	...	...	...	233
11	...	11	30	41	37	6	513	485	6	33	5	4	16	48	366	...	58	45	234
12	...	22	17	31	27	32	593	604	4	16	8	...	24	72	784	...	30	25	235
8	...	15	8	40	15	8	201	182	3	14	2	1	1	32	317	...	34	15	236
2	...	5	8	5	12	8	108	115	1	11	3	...	...	19	200	...	...	...	237
16	14	...	37	33	25	31	522	508	9	21	5	15	24	44	327	...	45	122	238
9	...	15	6	15	...	31	312	322	5	23	4	9	...	17	122	...	50	...	239
16	17	...	72	60	25	60	897	850	10	45	15	38	35	80	746	...	70	150	240
18	...	28	32	34	22	24	543	523	...	22	14	20	22	64	704	...	...	84	241
8	8	...	30	19	12	36	367	366	5	19	30	9	45	23	209	318	30	60	242
10	...	12	17	13	10	15	330	325	2	21	9	18	25	27	270	...	...	50	243
6	...	6	6	8	1	3	91	81	2	6	2	8	...	15	160	...	...	...	244
4	...	11	2	6	6	5	98	101	...	1	3	...	...	8	164	...	...	...	245
6	6	...	4	3	9	5	117	124	1	7	2	...	...	4	49	179	...	...	246
10	11	...	21	3	3	17	377	373	7	21	8	10	100	53	678	...	109	43	247
7	...	15	3	19	10	11	200	199	1	9	5	14	24	23	286	...	45	35	248
7	9	...	15	1	4	8	326	322	7	11	8	...	18	34	401	...	...	20	249
252	80	283	486	497	392	412	8561	8386	97	476	172	199	359	827	8288	681	580	903	

(b) Inclusive of 72 Mission Communicants.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
					£	£	£		
250	Brought forward ...				87125	6550		15180	7872
251	South Shields—St. Paul's ...	1778	1884	F	2300	...	...	550	261
252	Stamfordham ...	1741	1884	L	500	...	...	200	free
252	Sunderland—Millfield ...	1885	1855	..	...	...	...	...	...
253	" —North Bridge Street ...	1777	1886	F	1200	...	...	438	160
254	" —St. George's ...	1711	vacant	C	3000	...	...	650	570
255	" —St. Stephen's ...	1827	1880	P	2000	...	...	450	142
256	" —Smyrna ...	1765	¹⁸³⁵ 1878	C	1500	...	...	500	258
257	" —Trinity ...	1821	1876	F	4500	300	...	655	486
258	Swallowell ...	1733	vacant	F	1000	...	80	250	72
259	Walker ...	1842	1883	L 55	*2400	...	...	380	186
260	Wallsend ...	1846	1879	L900	400	...	...	280	233
261	Wark ...	1790	1885	F	1800	...	...	180	100
262	Willington Quay ...	1877	1877	L 55	1800	...	...	354	130
					110525	6850	80	20067	10470
NORTHUMBERLAND.									
263	Alnwick—Clayport Street ...	1753	1852	F	1000	...	...	600	250
264	" —Lisburn Street ...	1837	1843	F	1000	...	...	380	146
265	" —St. James's ...	1689	1880	F	1600	...	211	450	400
266	Bavington ...	1672	1853	F	...	...	...	230	132
267	Bedlington ...	1843	1885	F	250	...	...	178	96
268	Birdhoeperaig ...	1672	1875	L 39	500	...	...	450	164
269	Branton ...	1701	1835	F	1050	...	...	500	264
270	Embleton ...	1833	1880	L 9	...	...	...	340	200
271	Felton ...	1819	1881	L 32	†...	...	100	300	161
272	Ganton ...	1783	1865	F	1150	...	...	430	331
273	Harbottle ...	1713	1871	L 870	400	...	...	450	231
274	Longframlington... ..	1662	1862	F	...	...	...	200	55
275	Morpeth ...	1693	1883	F	3550	...	...	850	442
276	Newbiggin ...	1863	1885	F	...	...	...	250	109
277	North Middleton ...	1817	1872	L 928	...	...	...	240	115
278	North Sunderland ...	1808	1870	C	600	...	...	360	218
279	Otterburn ...	1831	1872	F	600	...	...	250	130
280	Thropton ...	1799	1849	F	800	...	...	300	144
281	Warenford ...	1751	1867	P	...	...	...	330	202
282	Warkworth ...	1826	1871	F	800	...	...	300	190
283	Widdrington ...	1765	1845	F	750	...	...	300	150
284	Wooler—Cheviot Street ...	1702	¹⁸³³ 1884	F	1000	...	...	1000	324
285	" —Tower Hill ...	1763	1880	L	1400	...	...	40	110
286	" —West Chapel... ..	1729	1885	F	700	...	...	560	254
					17150		311	9668	4818

* Exclusive of £1,400 insured on Manse.

† £500 insured on Manse.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1885.	1884.												
252	80	285	486	467	392	412	8561	8386	97	476	172	199	359	827	8288	681	580	903		
6	...	12	13	13	3	7	292	277	9	20	2	9	...	32	382	...	26	23		
4	...	10	2	6	4	2	72	70	...	5	...	...	...	5	56	...	...	12
6	...	...	47	53	...	2	98	...	...	8	...	...	...	16	195	...	...	...
5	4	...	4	9	6	35	152	161	...	...	3	7	20	27	281	...	17	...
10	9	...	89	14	30	31	566	524	8	35	10	40	20	73	1002	...	...	50
10	...	12	3	2	3	9	133	140	1	6	1	...	13	18	210	...	...	18
6	...	17	12	6	8	15	226	233	2	12	6	...	...	35	346	...	...	20
11	...	15	15	15	47	35	345	400	5	20	7	10	34	39	518	...	66	68		
3	...	7	1	1	...	103	117	218	...	10	5	...	...	11	146	...	...	...
6	...	10	13	9	19	25	187	209	7	15	1	8	...	33	362	...	...	11
7	...	12	13	18	5	12	215	201	1	16	2	9	12	23	264	...	15	27		
4	...	4	3	8	...	1	89	75	...	9	...	...	...	11	70	...	...	...
3	...	12	9	13	16	5	141	140	...	14	2	3	...	21	228	...	12	12		
333	93	396	710	634	533	694	11194	11034	130	646	213	285	453	1171	12348	681	716	1144		
7	...	9	4	6	7	6	220	223	2	11	6	...	...	13	64	...	...	25
7	...	12	...	4	...	4	132	132	2	5	...	5	...	14	100	...	...	9
14	...	14	25	42	34	14	373	354	5	32	9	6	...	16	130	...	...	18
5	...	4	9	4	6	2	102	97	...	7	2	...	...	3	32	34	...	12
6	...	10	22	9	19	6	114	112	1	9	2	...	...	24	154	...	17	30
6	...	6	8	...	1	2	113	108	...	7	2	6	...	6	75	...	...	20
4	6	...	19	...	...	...	225	236	...	...	...	...	...	8	110	63	...	15
4	...	3	9	43	38	7	203	196	...	10	3	...	...	6	58	...	...	20
2	...	6	9	16	18	7	134	134	1	11	4	...	...	7	51	...	...	...
6	5	...	11	24	25	13	234	239	3	27	11	10	...	12	127	...	...	12
5	...	7	23	10	20	5	206	198	4	12	3	10	...	4	20	...	...	9
3	...	7	3	...	8	...	56	61	1	7	...	3	...	13	94	...	...	7
9	9	...	15	12	9	9	292	283	5	22	7	13	...	35	376	22	...	42		
8	1	6	49	7	8	1	133	83	1	5	1	3	...	20	205	0	...	...
6	7	...	4	7	2	4	90	85	...	6	3	...	...	3	30	...	...	...
11	...	15	9	33	22	4	233	217	1	15	4	16	...	8	50	...	...	16
5	...	10	6	3	3	6	119	119	...	8	4	...	...	4	30	...	...	...
3	...	2	4	2	...	4	146	144	...	5	3	...	...	6	52	...	...	8
6	6	1	10	48	28	12	188	170	...	8	3	14	...	5	44	...	...	20
4	...	10	3	10	9	6	208	210	3	11	3	...	...	6	40	...	...	12
3	4	...	8	...	...	4	155	150	2	15	4	...	...	8	80	...	...	...
7	...	10	17	27	28	12	324	320	...	14	3	...	...	9	73	...	...	15
3	...	10	2	10	16	4	132	140	...	7	4	...	...	5	30	...	...	20
3	8	...	12	25	24	1	252	207	...	6	1	...	...	12	92	128	...	26
137	46	142	281	342	325	133	4384	4218	31	260	82	86	...	247	2117	445	17	336		

(a) 38 Members disjoined to start the new congregation at Millfield.

SUMMARY.—I. CONGREGATIONAL.

PRESBYTERIES.	CHURCHES.				OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.					MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							
	Number of Congregations.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.	Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapses, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
			Church.	Manse.										1885.	1884.								
Berwick ...	15	19250	570	980	7216	3756	100	36	111	149	387	415	120	4011	4000	79	42	180	1701	313	70	350	
Birmingham...	15	45916	4862	...	7784	1916	61	4	156	82	84	75	184	1625	1716	90	200	313	2842	...	230	282	
Bristol ...	9	37600	2750	500	5677	2280	47	6	85	74	111	77	95	1397	1379	56	218	185	1765	...	156	252	
Carlisle ...	14	15610	...	407	4695	2071	71	17	119	162	122	129	132	2058	2035	91	48	303	2713	30	67	296	
Darlington ...	20	52050	12792	1000	9720	2109	107	49	145	217	165	141	242	3040	3081	36	200	38	4613	...	317	303	
Liverpool ...	34	153960	5700	350	20698	10089	226	57	349	539	690	430	654	10216	9985	77	547	139	1380	15936	2115	979	1325
London ...	81	345698	58010	5892	45509	19182	450	204	491	1616	1467	1051	1196	17247	16626	221	869	183	2096	23569	114	1750	2388
Manchester ...	30	106300	7255	...	15739	6476	180	80	310	341	404	278	274	5849	5616	85	312	87	7044	3453	721	801	
Newcastle ...	44	110525	6850	80	20067	10470	333	93	396	710	634	533	694	11194	11034	130	646	213	1171	12348	681	716	1144
Northumberland	24	17150	...	311	9668	4818	137	46	142	281	342	325	133	4384	4218	31	260	82	247	2117	445	17	336
	286	904059	98789	9520	146773	63167	1712	592	2304	4171	4406	3454	3724	61021	59690	2254	4369	7128	75548	7151	5023	7477	

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART II.
FINANCIAL.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.								
	PRESBYTERIES.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1	Ancroft Moor	31	3	51	...	85	...	85	*155	80 0 0	1 11 0	...
2	Beaumont	114	8	34	...	156	...	156	*200	135 0 0	3 0 0	...
3	Belford	91	14	57	...	162	...	162	*200	130 0 0	3 16 0	...
4	Berwick—Bank Hill ...	89	17	129	9	244	...	244	*200	200 0 0	3 11 0	...
5	—Church Street...	Free	...	279	35	314	756	1070	a200	...	5 0 0	...
6	—Wallace Green ..	466	...	284	500	1250	75	1325	*500	62 14 0	16 11 0	62 14 0
7	Chatton	93	20	62	4	179	...	179	*200	160 0 0	3 5 0	...
8	Crookham	67	20	18	1	106	29	135	*155	90 0 0	2 1 0	...
9	Etal... ..	77	20	39	7	143	14	157	*200	120 0 0	2 10 0	...
10	Horncliffe	60	8	49	...	117	...	117	*200	105 0 0	2 5 0	...
11	Lowick	64	21	27	4	116	...	116	*206	115 0 0	2 12 0	...
12	Norham—North	70	19	38	...	127	19	146	*200	108 0 0	2 5 0	...
13	—South	47	12	65	...	124	4	128	*200	105 0 0	1 17 0	...
14	Spittal	123	...	171	10	304	...	304	*200	...	4 10 0	...
15	Tweedmouth	75	11	41	...	127	...	127	*200	110 0 0	2 6 0	...
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	95	...	95	...	95	80	...	...	...
		1467	173	1439	570	3649	897	4546	3296	1520 14 0	57 0 0	62 14 0
BIRMINGHAM.												
16	Birmingham—Broad Street	81	52	128	20	281	45	326	213	200 0 0	3 18 0	...
17	—Camphill ..	130	62	262	38	492	...	492	325	202 10 0	4 15 0	2 10 0
18	—New John St.	44	49	82	14	189	2	191	200	119 3 4	2 5 0	...
19	—Smethwick..	Free	12	109	8	129	18	147	200	55 0 0	2 5 0	...
20	Burton-on-Trent	66	...	190	24	280	9	289	200	...	2 16 0	...
21	Derby	57	44	135	6	242	81	323	200	200 0 0	3 15 0	...
22	Dudley	28	10	96	7	141	6	147	200	80 0 0	2 5 0	...
23	Hanley	62	47	131	40	280	...	280	*200	150 0 0	2 16 0	...
24	Leicester	85	28	98	3	214	30	244	200	120 0 0	2 16 0	...
25	Nottingham	187	119	221	79	606	...	606	350	210 0 0	4 15 0	10 0 0
26	Shrewsbury	19	34	52	3	108	...	108	200	85 10 0	2 5 0	...
27	Stafford	44	17	196	9	266	25	291	*200	180 0 0	2 16 0	...
28	Walsall	58	28	159	20	265	146	411	230	...	2 5 0	...
29	Wolverhampton	160	29	155	30	374	50	424	*300	206 5 0	5 0 0	6 5 0
30	Worcester	66	11	76	2	155	...	155	200	125 0 0	2 5 0	...
		1087	542	2090	303	4022	412	4434	3418	1933 8 4	46 17 0	18 15 0
BRISTOL.												
31	Aberdare	16	34	148	...	198	121	319	200	125 0 0	2 5 0	...
32	Bristol	303	...	255	44	602	144	746	400	14 10 0	6 11 0	14 10 0
33	Cardiff	298	61	282	114	755	214	969	*402	250 0 0	6 11 0	50 0 0
34	Cheltenham	160	...	262	63	485	1179	1964	*350	225 0 0	6 11 0	25 0 0
35	Gloucester... ..	91	61	217	11	380	...	380	250	207 10 0	5 0 0	7 10 0
36	Plymouth	179	10	204	47	440	...	440	400	220 0 0	5 0 0	20 0 0
37	Swansea	107	46	203	31	387	...	387	300	200 0 0	6 11 0	...
38	Swindon	16	4	111	3	134	289	423	200	62 10 0	...	...
39	Torquay	226	176	273	566	1241	45	1286	*450	260 0 0	6 11 0	60 0 0
		1396	392	1955	879	4622	2292	6914	2952	1564 10 0	45 0 0	177 0 0

(a) £25 in lieu of Manse.

(b) Including £11 arrears for 1884.

* Manse.

FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

GRAND TOTAL.

Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
						1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
0 8 0	1 13 1	0 8 0	0 10 0	0 12 0	0 7 6	3 18 7	2 16 3	88 18 7	163 16 3	1
3 2 9	6 6 7	1 5 0	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	12 14 4	11 3 11	168 14 4	166 3 11	2
0 8 7	2 0 0	0 18 0	...	...	...	3 6 7	4 9 3	165 6 7	242 9 3	3
1 10 0	11 4 3	1 0 0	...	2 0 0	1 0 0	16 14 3	19 11 9	260 14 3	256 11 9	4
1 12 0	1 10 6	3 2 0	...	1 0 0	1 6 6	8 11 0	16 1 7	1078 11 0	334 1 7	5
30 0 0	188 3 1	7 0 0	5 0 0	11 16 0	9 15 10	314 8 11	278 3 6	1639 8 11	3918 3 6	6
1 0 0	2 0 0	1 0 0	...	0 10 0	...	4 10 0	4 10 0	183 10 0	179 10 0	7
...	1 15 9	0 10 0	...	0 10 0	0 15 0	3 10 9	3 13 10	138 10 9	162 13 10	8
...	2 16 0	...	...	...	...	2 16 0	2 2 9	159 16 0	157 2 9	9
...	0 8 2	...	...	...	0 13 4	1 1 6	0 13 11	118 1 6	119 13 11	10
0 8 7	...	...	...	...	...	0 8 7	1 2 10	116 8 7	134 2 10	11
...	3 6 10	...	...	...	...	3 6 10	3 16 11	149 6 10	130 16 11	12
1 0 0	4 7 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	7 7 0	6 9 7	135 7 0	125 9 7	13
1 0 0	7 10 0	...	...	1 0 0	1 0 0	10 10 0	11 5 0	314 10 0	356 5 0	14
...	...	...	...	...	0 14 0	0 14 0	0 14 0	127 14 0	132 14 0	15
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95 0 0	94 0 0	
40 9 11	233 1 3	16 3 0	7 10 0	17 8 0	16 12 2	393 18 4	366 15 1	4939 18 4	6673 15 1	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 2 0	326 0 0	684 2 0	16
4 10 0	9 0 0	2 5 0	2 5 0	...	...	20 10 0	58 1 10	512 10 0	644 1 10	17
1 5 0	13 14 3	0 15 0	...	0 12 0	0 13 0	16 19 3	21 9 1	207 19 3	236 9 1	18
0 10 3	8 6 0	...	...	...	...	8 16 3	0 13 6	155 16 3	149 13 6	19
0 14 8	3 2 7	...	...	...	...	3 17 3	3 18 6	292 17 3	291 18 6	20
1 1 0	...	1 3 6	...	...	...	2 4 6	6 10 0	325 4 6	333 10 0	21
...	4 2 4	...	...	...	...	4 2 4	...	151 2 4	202 0 0	22
3 3 0	11 3 4	...	...	...	...	14 6 4	12 0 8	294 6 4	1777 0 8	23
2 0 0	6 0 0	...	...	...	...	8 0 0	3 1 0	252 0 0	304 1 0	24
4 13 4	46 12 10	2 5 0	2 6 8	2 5 0	...	68 2 10	66 1 10	674 2 10	685 1 10	25
...	2 9 8	...	...	...	...	2 9 8	9 11 5	110 9 8	170 11 5	26
0 10 6	6 7 0	...	...	0 10 6	...	7 8 0	8 1 0	298 8 0	307 1 0	27
3 10 0	8 8 4	...	...	...	...	11 18 4	5 12 6	422 18 4	311 12 6	28
5 0 0	15 0 0	5 0 0	4 7 1	2 2 0	2 0 0	39 14 1	5 0 0	463 14 1	624 0 0	29
...	13 6 3	...	...	1 0 0	...	14 6 3	12 0 2	169 6 3	181 0 2	30
26 17 9	147 12 7	11 8 6	8 18 9	6 9 6	2 13 0	222 15 1	225 3 6	4656 15 1	6902 3 6	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 10 0	319 0 0	891 10 0	31
5 0 0	59 11 8	...	2 2 0	...	...	81 3 8	69 15 0	827 3 8	845 15 0	32
7 0 0	56 5 8	3 0 0	2 0 0	11 0 0	1 0 0	130 5 8	107 7 6	1099 5 8	996 7 6	33
6 18 7	34 6 1	5 3 10	...	6 3 10	...	77 12 4	72 2 1	2041 12 4	1445 2 1	34
4 0 0	19 9 4	0 16 8	...	...	...	31 16 0	35 1 6	411 16 0	501 1 6	35
...	8 19 6	...	...	...	...	28 19 6	26 10 0	468 19 6	766 10 0	36
2 0 0	27 2 2	1 3 4	...	...	...	30 5 6	28 2 7	417 5 6	402 2 7	37
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	423 0 0	399 0 0	38
20 3 0	223 12 4	12 5 9	...	9 7 6	...	325 8 7	268 16 1	1611 8 7	1343 16 1	39
45 1 7	429 6 9	22 9 7	4 2 0	26 11 4	1 0 0	705 11 3	609 4 9	7619 11 3	7591 4 9	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.		Synod Fund.		Sustentation Fund Add-giving.	
	Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor, Congregational Missions, &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid	Collec- tions, &c.											
CARLISLE.														
Bewcastle	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brampton	34	12	83	...	129	...	129	200	107	0 0	1	5 2	...	...
Carlisle—Fisher Street ...	180	...	303	122	605	144	749	*350	257	6 0	7	7 10	57	6 0
„ —Warwick Road ...	Free	...	308	50	358	152	510	*225	210	0 0	5	5 7	10	0 0
Cleator Moor	56	26	107	5	194	...	194	200	165	0 0	2	3 0	...	...
Haltwhistle	3	15	83	...	101	...	101	*155	80	0 0	1	0 9	...	...
Harrington	97	25	116	9	247	120	367	212	200	0 0	2	14 11	...	...
Maryport—Crosby Street .	68	30	89	17	204	8	212	200	140	0 0	2	7 2	...	...
„ —John Street ...	52	35	60	4	151	...	151	181	117	9 1	1	19 11	...	...
Penrith	23	18	115	...	156	6	162	160	115	8 10	2	4 6	...	...
Silloth ... ..	...	41	67	1	109	...	109	174	80	0 0	0	17 11	...	...
Whitehaven—High Street	40	37	77	4	158	...	158	200	120	0 0	1	6 0	...	...
„ —Market Place	133	...	159	34	326	21	347	*241	215	0 0	4	1 3	15	0 0
Workington	82	30	125	24	261	10	271	210	213	4 3	2	17 7	13	4 3
Two Preaching Stations ...	...	12	120	...	132	...	132	*171	...	...	...	...	...	...
	768	349	1847	270	3234	461	3695	3034	2120	8 2	37	0 7	95	10 3
DARLINGTON.														
Bishop Auckland ... ..	...	133	78	26	237	...	237	*200	170	0 0	2	7 0	...	...
Crook ... ..	...	61	84	...	145	3	148	*200	120	0 0	1	12 6	...	...
Darlington... ..	113	67	122	66	368	3	371	275	205	0 0	4	18 0	5	0 0
Grimsby	43	33	220	20	316	62	378	200	155	0 0	2	15 6	...	...
Harrogate	41	21	180	...	242	1350	1592	230	150	0 0	2	10 6	...	...
Hartlepool... ..	82	76	156	13	327	83	410	a245	155	0 0	2	18 0	...	...
Hull—Holderness Road	Free	41	175	5	221	...	221	200	150	0 0	3	14 0	...	...
„ —Prospect Street ...	Free	...	467	529	996	317	1313	*vacant	26	11 0	7	9 0	26	11 0
„ —Spring Bank ...	Free	108	185	5	298	313	611	*200	125	0 0	2	16 0	...	...
Middlesbro—Newport Rd.	55	51	142	2	250	23	273	*200	175	0 0	2	16 0	...	...
„ —Trinity	80	45	180	...	305	...	305	200	200	0 0	3	10 6	...	...
Mount Pleasant	44	29	102	10	185	12	197	*200	132	10 0	2	3 6	...	...
Redcar	66	30	104	...	200	22	222	200	180	0 0	2	7 0	...	...
Scarborough ... ..	...	16	82	...	98	...	98	200	...	...	1	5 0	...	...
Stockton—St. Andrew's ...	135	108	105	50	398	3	401	*250	210	0 0	4	16 0	10	0 0
„ —St. George's	80	39	167	17	303	...	303	200	200	0 0	3	5 0	...	...
Towlaw	Free	42	80	6	128	124	252	*143	80	0 0	1	6 6	...	...
West Hartlepool	93	23	203	12	331	...	331	200	160	0 0	3	18 6	...	...
Whitby	32	20	238	9	299	...	299	155	80	0 0	2	10 6	...	...
York	51	43	166	4	264	17	281	200	200	0 0	3	1 6	...	...
	915	986	3236	774	5911	2332	8243	3898	2874	1 0	62	0 6	41	11 0
LIVERPOOL.														
Barrow-in-Furness .	169	...	159	30	358	18	376	250	...	...	2	5 0	...	...
Birkenhead—Egremont ...	347	...	325	735	1407	...	1407	500	260	0 0	12	2 0	60	0 0
„ —Grange Road	420	...	285	345	1050	166	1216	600	76	10 0	13	0 0	76	10 0
„ —Hamilton	91	59	167	28	345	43	388	*205	200	0 0	1	10 0	...	...
„ —Rock Ferry	234	95	271	241	841	...	841	500	200	0 0	10	0 0	...	...
„ —St. Andrew's	240	131	271	76	718	14	732	500	206	10 0	10	0 0	6	10 0
„ —St. Paul's	188	42	251	113	594	53	647	336	200	0 0	3	8 0	...	...
„ —Trin., Cloughton ...	641	1	359	490	1491	163	1654	700	419	0 0	18	5 0	219	0 0
„ —West Kirby... Free	...	...	232	13	245	...	245	vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bootle—Peel Road	212	...	288	12	512	243	755	375	...	...	2	0 0	...	...
„ —Trinity	427	...	309	328	1064	975	2039	600	14	15 1	14	10 0	14	15 1
Carried forward	2969	328	2917	2411	8625	1675	10300	4566	1576	15 1	87	0 0	376	15 1

(a) Inclusive of £45 retiring allowance to senior ministers.

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.														GRAND TOTAL.				No.
Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.		Jewish Mission.		Continental Missions.		College.		Instruction of Youth.		TOTAL.		1885.	1884.				
											1885.	1884.						
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
0 10 0	2 4 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 14 3	5 6 7	105 14 3	110 6 7	40		
...	2 6 6	0 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	2 16 6	6 1 8	131 16 6	141 1 8	41		
12 10 0	33 10 0	6 10 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	4 2 3	128 18 3	126 13 2	877 18 3	902 13 2	42								
7 13 7	22 10 4	5 13 2	1 0 0	2 0 0	1 0 0	49 17 1	58 3 5	559 17 1	451 3 5	43								
...	4 15 0	...	...	...	...	4 15 0	7 19 5	198 15 0	208 19 5	44				
0 8 6	0 9 0	...	...	...	...	0 17 6	1 7 6	101 17 6	105 7 6	45				
...	5 0 5	...	...	...	...	5 0 5	0 18 0	372 0 5	267 18 0	46				
1 0 0	6 0 0	...	...	...	...	7 0 0	6 10 0	219 0 0	226 10 0	47				
2 8 9	6 16 1	...	...	0 10 0	...	9 14 10	8 10 9	160 14 10	178 10 9	48						
0 14 2	3 16 8	0 14 1	0 14 1	0 14 1	0 14 1	7 7 2	5 11 0	169 7 2	160 11 0	49								
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 7 0	109 0 0	118 7 0	50				
0 11 8	2 7 3	...	...	0 8 10	0 7 3	3 15 0	3 2 0	161 15 0	167 2 0	51						
3 1 2	24 9 2	3 11 2	...	2 14 8	0 10 0	49 6 2	45 2 8	396 6 2	384 2 8	52								
...	7 16 0	...	...	...	...	21 0 3	8 15 0	292 0 3	308 15 0	53				
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 7 8	132 0 0	130 7 8					
28 17 10	122 0 8	16 18 5	6 14 1	16 7 7	6 13 7	293 2 5	289 15 10	3988 2 5	3861 15 10									
0 17 7	5 13 5	0 15 4	...	0 15 0	...	8 1 4	4 12 0	245 1 4	286 12 0	54								
...	3 4 11	...	...	0 6 6	...	3 11 5	11 19 0	151 11 5	165 19 0	55						
4 0 0	20 5 4	3 0 0	...	3 0 0	...	35 5 4	32 8 3	406 5 4	597 8 3	56								
1 0 0	17 17 2	1 0 0	...	...	0 5 0	20 2 2	32 5 4	398 2 2	435 5 4	57						
...	1 15 2	...	...	...	...	1 15 2	4 4 0	1593 15 2	352 4 0	58				
2 0 0	2 4 2	...	...	...	...	4 4 2	5 0 0	414 4 2	383 0 0	59				
0 14 7	4 7 11	0 18 6	...	0 10 0	0 7 6	6 18 6	6 17 9	227 18 6	339 17 9	60								
8 10 0	267 13 0	8 17 3	...	9 19 4	2 3 2	323 13 9	306 14 8	1636 13 9	1114 14 8	61								
1 0 0	9 10 9	...	...	...	...	10 10 9	16 12 10	621 10 9	784 12 10	62				
0 15 4	10 9 8	0 10 6	...	0 17 8	1 0 3	13 13 5	15 12 1	286 13 5	407 12 1	63								
2 14 0	7 11 9	...	...	0 17 5	...	11 3 2	15 3 10	316 3 2	551 3 10	64						
2 10 0	11 10 3	0 16 0	...	2 13 0	1 5 0	18 14 3	8 16 1	215 14 3	190 16 1	65								
...	3 4 7	...	...	...	...	3 4 7	6 4 0	225 4 7	235 4 6	66				
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 14 6	98 0 0	200 14 6	67				
6 4 5	16 6 10	6 12 11	2 0 0	3 0 0	...	44 4 2	49 13 1	445 4 2	486 13 1	68								
3 0 0	4 0 0	...	...	...	...	7 0 0	16 0 1	310 0 0	297 0 1	69				
...	5 2 2	...	...	0 12 4	...	5 14 6	4 11 0	257 14 6	145 11 0	70						
4 0 0	6 3 9	...	...	2 0 0	...	12 3 9	7 0 0	343 3 9	340 0 0	71						
1 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	2 0 0	3 15 0	301 0 0	203 15 0	72				
0 10 0	7 6 6	...	...	...	...	7 16 6	8 11 0	288 16 6	582 11 0	73				
38 15 11	405 7 4	22 10 6	2 0 0	24 11 3	5 0 11	539 16 11	556 14 6	8782 16 11	8100 14 6									
2 0 0	16 4 11	1 0 0	1 0 0	4 16 9	2 19 6	28 1 2	23 1 0	404 1 2	21077 1 0	74								
6 15 0	59 0 4	...	...	7 18 9	...	133 14 1	73 16 11	1540 14 1	1631 16 11	75						
17 8 5	100 4 0	6 7 0	5 5 0	5 0 0	2 0 0	212 14 5	222 15 0	1428 14 5	1639 15 0	76								
1 10 0	14 17 4	2 0 0	1 10 0	1 10 0	...	21 7 4	29 0 2	409 7 4	467 0 2	77								
0 14 6	30 11 9	11 5 0	0 2 0	2 11 4	2 0 0	47 4 7	146 6 11	888 4 7	1181 6 11	78								
...	19 1 11	4 0 0	1 10 0	2 5 0	...	33 6 11	23 11 8	765 6 11	781 11 8	79								
...	5 0 0	2 0 0	...	1 0 2	...	8 0 2	64 0 0	655 0 2	756 0 0	80								
84 16 1	187 6 6	15 18 0	0 15 15	47 12 7	5 1 3	575 9 9	648 12 10	2229 9 9	2515 12 10	81								
...	27 0 6	...	...	...	...	27 0 6	20 0 5	272 0 6	314 0 5	82				
1 10 0	5 10 6	...	...	...	...	7 0 6	3 0 0	762 0 6	947 0 0	83				
11 9 6	18 8 10	7 4 11	...	51 18 4	62 14 2	2090 18 4	1095 14 2	84								
126 3 6	483 6 7	42 10 0	025 2 4	79 19 6	12 0 9	1145 17 9	1316 19 1	11445 17 9	12406 19 1									

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No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.																
		Income for Congregational Purposes.						Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.						
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.	Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.											
													£	£	£	£	£	£
	Brought forward ...	2969	328	2917	2411	8625	1675	10300	4566	1576	15	1	87	0	0	376	15	1
85	Chester—Chester ...	65	18	121	19	223	...	223	165	95	0	0	2	0	0	...	...	...
86	„ —Parkgate ...	...	180	79	8	267	3	270	200	216	5	0	1	13	0	16	5	0
87	„ —Sutton ...	40	35	64	4	143	...	143	150	120	0	0	0	18	6	...	...	...
88	Isle of Man—Douglas ...	99	28	174	43	344	62	406	*240	200	0	0	2	5	0	...	...	...
89	„ —Ramsey ...	29	27	95	16	167	...	167	200	120	0	0	1	0	0	...	...	...
90	Liverpool—Canning Street	440	200	268	556	1464	...	1464	†711	263	18	8	17	12	0	63	18	8
91	„ —Everton Valley .	437	1	294	208	940	...	940	550	242	3	3	11	12	0	42	3	3
92	„ —Fairfield ...	350	63	370	66	849	154	1003	†600	270	0	0	13	12	0	70	0	0
93	„ —Islington ...	450	64	168	142	824	52	876	*550	251	10	0	13	12	0	51	10	0
94	„ —Mount Pleasant ...	337	...	329	352	1018	...	1018	500	73	5	6	14	0	0	73	5	6
95	„ —Prince's Road ...	219	76	211	45	551	...	551	400	200	0	0	4	5	0	...	...	...
96	„ —Queen's Road ...	257	32	267	154	710	266	976	357	210	0	0	9	0	0	10	0	0
97	„ —St. George's ...	453	88	243	104	888	...	888	600	225	0	0	12	0	0	25	0	0
98	„ —St. Peter's ...	142	63	200	80	485	43	528	300	200	0	0	4	5	0	...	...	...
99	„ —Sefton Park ...	895	194	705	306	2100	610	2710	900	569	10	4	23	10	0	369	10	4
100	„ —Shaw Street ...	112	46	151	30	339	...	339	220	200	0	0	2	5	0	...	...	...
101	„ —Trinity ...	178	130	201	138	647	...	647	405	240	1	11	6	5	0	40	1	11
102	„ —Union ...	Free	202	295	13	510	88	598	400	200	0	0	4	5	0	...	...	...
103	„ —Vauxhall Road ...	Free	37	107	3	147	...	147	200	118	15	0	0	10	0	...	...	...
104	Walton ...	b122	...	148	3	273	131	404	250	...	...	...	1	10	0	...	...	...
105	Waterloo ...	243	34	262	23	562	...	562	400	235	0	0	3	17	6	35	0	0
106	St. Helen's ...	80	53	185	33	351	119	470	*235	205	0	0	1	10	0	5	0	0
107	Southport ...	193	99	290	50	632	...	632	400	210	0	0	6	5	0	10	0	0
	LONDON.	8110	1998	8144	4807	23059	3203	26262	13499	6242	4	9	244	12	0	1188	9	9
108	Aldershot ...	Free	140	54	42	236	3	239	*200	150	0	0	2	2	0	...	...	...
109	Aston Tyrrold ...	Free	46	68	18	132	...	132	*200	110	0	0	1	10	0	...	...	...
110	Bournemouth ...	201	112	475	102	890	201	1091	*400	230	0	0	6	10	0	30	0	0
111	Brighton—Queen's Road...	Free	29	542	146	717	108	825	*400	250	0	0	6	15	0	50	0	0
112	„ —Trinity ...	250	130	200	60	640	25	665	500	220	0	0	6	8	0	20	0	0
113	Canterbury ...	39	9	60	9	117	3	120	e316	11	8	9	2	2	0	...	...	...
114	Chatham ...	Free	17	190	37	244	30	274	200	182	10	0	1	15	0	...	...	...
115	Croydon ...	209	200	192	169	770	30	800	*400	202	16	10	7	10	0	2	16	10
116	Darenth ...	20	...	41	...	61	11	72	*150	135	0	0	1	10	0	38	16	8
117	Eastbourne ...	378	...	773	260	1411	60	1471	700	220	0	0	10	10	0	20	0	0
118	Edenbridge ...	27	200	9	...	236	...	236	200	205	0	0	1	15	0	5	0	0
119	Gravesend ...	169	53	215	17	454	10	464	267	200	0	0	5	10	0	...	...	...
120	Guernsey ...	19	65	46	...	130	14	144	185	110	0	1	1	7	0	...	...	...
121	Highfields Withyham	...	...	75	...	75	...	75	71	...	...	...	1	2	0	...	...	...
122	Holybourne ...	Free	138	30	34	202	...	202	155	104	11	2	1	10	0	...	...	...
123	Ipswich ...	139	64	181	65	449	293	742	260	205	0	0	3	12	0	5	0	0
124	Jersey ...	206	30	255	53	541	...	544	350	220	0	0	5	5	0	20	0	0
125	Lewes ...	30	26	122	13	191	...	191	*200	155	0	0	1	18	0	...	...	...
126	London—Belgrave ...	412	136	698	401	1647	1006	2653	800	210	0	0	11	11	0	10	0	0
127	„ —Bermondsey ...	51	6	84	...	141	38	179	200	42	5	0	1	1	0	...	...	...
128	„ —Blackheath ...	126	...	213	41	380	10	390	400	...	...	...	2	2	0	...	...	...
129	„ —Bow Road ...	40	13	142	...	195	...	195	200	40	0	0	1	1	0	...	...	...
130	„ —Brookley ...	200	188	462	52	902	49	951	500	205	0	0	6	7	0	5	0	0
131	„ —Camberwell ...	358	76	332	110	876	63	939	500	220	0	0	9	9	0	20	0	0
132	„ —Camden Road ...	341	187	442	398	1368	...	1368	600	230	0	0	9	9	0	30	0	0
133	„ —Canonbury ...	110	44	150	3	307	...	307	*200	155	0	0	4	0	0	...	...	...
134	„ —Clapham Road ...	930	...	751	806	2487	106	2593	1000	600	0	0	30	0	0	400	0	0
	Carried forward ...	4255	1909	6802	2836	15802	2060	17862	9554	4613	11	10	143	11	0	656	13	6

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(a) Inclusive of £55 retiring allowance to Senior Minister.

† Mause Capital Fund.

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.

Home Mission.		Foreign Missions.		Jewish Mission.		Continental Missions.		College.		Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.				GRAND TOTAL.				No.												
											1885.		1884.		1885.		1884.														
											£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.		d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
126	3	6	483	6	7	42	10	0	25	2	4	79	19	6	12	0	9	1145	17	9	1316	19	1	11445	17	9	12406	19	1		
1	5	0	4	7	7	5	12	7	6	0	0	228	12	7	692	0	0	85
1	5	0	78	13	8	1	10	0	1	10	0	2	10	0	101	13	8	17	0	0	371	13	8	245	0	0	86
...	3	6	5	0	11	0	3	17	5	2	5	1	146	17	5	131	5	1	87
...	0	10	0	0	10	0	13	10	5	406	10	0	317	10	5	88
1	17	3	3	6	9	5	4	0	4	10	3	172	4	0	1563	10	3	89
22	9	5	115	14	0	7	5	4	5	12	9	5	2	5	10	0	0	230	2	7	260	14	5	1694	2	7	1740	14	5	90	
4	12	5	102	8	11	...	...	...	2	17	0	4	0	5	...	...	...	156	2	0	145	17	4	1096	2	0	1096	17	4	91
13	5	0	47	17	8	7	1	3	1	13	2	10	18	0	7	15	0	158	10	1	419	5	10	1161	10	1	1817	5	10	92	
7	17	6	30	19	11	3	5	0	3	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	96	17	5	108	10	4	972	17	5	1585	10	4	93
35	2	9	101	0	3	2	18	3	2	18	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	215	5	0	276	18	6	1233	5	0	1566	18	6	94
...	...	...	12	14	1	3	10	0	1	10	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	19	14	1	32	0	9	570	14	1	838	0	9	95
...	...	...	16	8	3	...	...	...	2	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	8	3	20	19	11	1004	8	3	729	19	11	96
9	18	3	11	0	0	2	7	10	...	...	...	2	7	9	...	...	...	50	13	10	33	5	0	938	13	10	1026	5	0	97
1	0	0	1	10	0	1	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	6	4	5	6	10	1	0	532	5	6	579	1	0	98
57	6	8	163	10	9	36	8	5	42	11	6	47	8	3	...	...	...	716	15	11	796	6	10	3426	15	11	3357	6	10	99
2	0	0	7	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	0	0	8	10	0	348	0	0	399	10	0	100
17	15	9	70	0	4	10	12	4	3	5	2	10	15	6	3	0	0	155	11	0	129	19	4	832	11	0	816	19	4	101	
1	11	7	...	...	...	1	8	0	0	18	6	0	9	6	0	14	3	5	1	10	16	15	7	603	1	10	897	15	7	102
...	...	...	5	0	0	...	...	...	1	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	10	0	13	0	0	153	10	0	151	0	0	103
2	0	0	5	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	0	2	8	16	10	411	0	2	412	16	10	104
30	16	8	56	13	1	11	1	2	11	14	8	7	3	2	...	...	...	152	8	9	173	1	3	714	8	9	809	1	3	105
...	...	...	50	17	0	...	...	...	1	10	0	1	10	0	1	0	0	59	17	0	21	0	0	529	17	0	396	0	0	106
5	12	3	21	14	7	2	1	2	2	2	1	5	13	8	2	16	10	50	0	7	90	1	10	682	0	7	747	1	10	107	
341	19	0	1393	1	0	133	3	9	107	19	5	181	9	2	38	17	4	3384	19	5	3925	9	7	29646	19	5	34324	9	7		
...	...	...	12	13	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	13	4	11	5	10	251	13	4	234	5	10	108
1	0	0	6	9	6	1	2	3	0	17	10	0	17	0	0	19	0	11	5	7	10	14	1	143	5	7	147	14	1	109	
2	15	9	67	11	10	10	16	6	5	0	0	...	...	...	2	2	0	118	6	1	95	15	7	1209	6	1	1319	15	7	110
3	4	8	27	11	2	2	16	6	4	6	0	4	13	2	4	1	4	96	12	10	120	17	4	921	12	10	945	17	4	111	
2	10	0	10	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	0	...	...	...	35	0	0	33	0	0	700	0	0	843	0	0	112
...	...	...	1	16	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	16	2	5	12	7	121	16	2	113	12	7	113
1	5	0	1	10	0	1	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	15	0	2	0	0	277	15	0	163	0	0	114
...	...	...	25	2	7	6	16	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	15	10	74	18	11	834	15	10	912	18	11	115
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	16	8	18	2	9	110	16	8	182	2	9	116
...	...	...	49	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0	...	...	...	75	6	3	64	4	2	1546	6	3	1447	4	2	117
...	...	...	56	17	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	17	4	419	11	2	297	17	4	661	11	2	118
...	...	...	8	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	10	0	4	6	0	472	10	0	519	6	0	119
0	10	1	2	18	6	1	4	5	0	16	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	9	5	4	18	9	149	9	5	131	18	9	120
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	0	0	132	0	0	121
2	1	4	8	4	4	1	15	0	1	12	4	1	12	0	2	3	1	17	8	1	19	8	6	219	8	1	151	8	6	122	
3	3	0	34	10	0	1	2	3	2	0	0	14	0	0	1	1	0	60	16	3	42	0	6	802	16	3	519	0	6	123	
1	0	0	16	9	3	3	0	0	...	...	...	1	0	0	1	0	0	42	9	3	45	9	2	586	9	3	538	9	2	124
3	3	0	34	3	11	2	1	8	...	...	...	2	14	7	...	...	...	42	3	2	37	18	8	233	3	2	244	18	8	125
17	12	7	52	10	2	49	13	6	2	2	6	5	2	10	...	...	...	137	1	7	261	0	6	2790	1	7	2168	0	6	126
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	0	179	0	0	223	10	0	127
£	10	8	5	0	0	0	10	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	13	0	8	5	16	8	403	0	8	420	16	8	128	
1	12	5	4	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	12	7	7	8	0	200	12	7	853	8	0	129
...	...	...	3	0	0	3	13	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	15	0	13	8	10	21	5	4	964	8	10	1448	5	4	130
...	...	...	19	19	9	3	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	9	9	59	8	4	982	9	9	1301	8	4	131
8	10	0	76	16	0	10	10	0	1	1	0	5	10	0	1	10	0	133	17	0	138	3	7	1501	17	0	2380	13	7	132	
2	2	0	20	12	8	2	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	4	8	36	15	11	332	4	8	420	15	11	133
8	0	0	68	1	7	5	0	0	6	10	0	10	0	0	...	...	...	497	11	7	520	5	1	3090	11	7	7408	5	1	134
61	0	6	613	14	6	107	2	4	27	6	1	55	19	7	14	11	5	1536	7	11	2060	17	5	19398	7	11	22504	17	5		

(b) From Church Fund on the principle of self-assessment in lieu of Seat Rents.

(c) Including arrears for 1884.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.																			
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Income for Congregational Purposes.				Poor, Congregational Missions, &c., &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.			Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.															
					£						s.	d.	£		s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
135	Brought forward ...	4255	1909	6802	2836	15802	2060	17862	9554	4613	11	10	143	11	0	656	13	6	
136	London—Clapton ...	178	46	215	71	510	36	546	320	205	0	0	6	0	0	5	0	0	
137	— College Park ...	...	...	87	...	87	...	87	250	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
138	— Crouch Hill ...	134	...	755	206	1095	587	1682	600	60	0	0	8	10	0	60	0	0	
139	— Ealing ...	114	...	177	50	341	462	803	200	210	0	0	3	8	0	10	0	0	
140	— East India Road ...	88	29	149	7	273	...	273	200	180	0	0	3	3	0	...	...	...
141	— Forest Hill ...	397	200	461	140	1198	156	1354	*500	228	17	3	10	10	0	28	17	3	
142	— Greenwich ...	282	134	330	140	886	30	916	505	216	6	3	8	0	0	16	6	3	
143	— Hammersmith ...	320	26	224	73	643	727	1370	350	200	0	0	7	0	0	...	...	...
144	— Hampstead ...	263	86	396	115	860	...	860	*550	350	0	0	12	10	0	150	0	0	
145	— Highbury ...	615	...	681	649	1945	...	1945	962	127	2	0	20	0	0	127	2	0	
146	— Islington ...	685	53	323	406	1467	...	1467	800	293	17	11	14	0	0	93	17	11	
147	— Kensington ...	416	200	467	242	1325	154	1479	600	286	0	6	8	8	0	86	0	6	
148	— Kentish Town ...	103	38	235	26	402	223	625	200	38	0	0	1	0	0	...	...	...
149	— Kingston ...	72	56	128	20	276	282	558	211	200	0	0	2	2	0	...	...	...
150	— Marylebone ...	827	200	1539	550	3116	2385	5501	*1050	590	8	0	30	0	0	390	8	0	
151	— Millwall ...	27	14	114	2	157	...	157	200	85	10	8	1	1	0	...	...	...
152	— New Barnet ...	105	...	235	88	428	45	473	307	210	0	0	3	10	0	10	0	0	
153	— Notting Hill ...	565	172	390	489	1616	...	1616	800	260	0	0	15	15	0	60	0	0	
154	— Oxenden ...	166	71	376	17	630	87	717	350	200	0	0	3	3	0	...	...	...
155	— Putney ...	139	...	296	12	447	...	447	250	7	10	0	4	4	0	7	10	0	
156	— Regent Square... ..	941	200	689	1429	2259	...	3259	1200	782	18	6	30	0	0	582	18	6	
157	— Richmond ...	135	104	17	...	256	5	261	300	200	0	0	3	10	0	...	...	...
158	— St. John's Wood ...	1236	...	797	1139	3172	155	3327	1200	543	2	9	30	0	0	543	2	9	
159	— Silvertown ...	52	56	63	3	174	...	174	*200	140	0	0	1	1	0	...	...	...
160	— Somers Town ...	158	43	233	4	438	...	438	350	200	0	0	3	3	0	...	...	...
161	— South Kensington ...	228	200	318	276	1022	664	1686	600	200	0	0	10	14	0	...	...	...
162	— Southwark ...	54	35	110	3	202	...	202	200	130	0	0	1	1	0	...	...	...
163	— Stepney ...	117	50	148	28	343	646	989	250	205	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	0	
164	— Stoke Newington ...	240	2	289	12	543	...	543	350	200	0	0	2	0	0	...	...	...
165	— Stratford ...	185	26	191	62	464	109	573	300	200	0	0	4	0	0	...	...	...
166	— Streatham ...	146	120	201	45	515	185	700	400	210	0	0	4	0	0	10	0	0	
167	— Tooting ...	49	12	66	9	136	59	195	*110	100	0	0	1	1	0	...	...	...
168	— Tottenham ...	160	133	170	188	651	15	666	*320	225	0	0	6	0	0	25	0	0	
169	— Upper Norwood ...	283	200	364	321	1168	428	1596	500	254	11	2	10	0	0	54	11	2	
170	— Victoria Docks... ..	58	166	87	6	317	...	317	200	200	0	0	3	0	0	...	...	...
171	— Wandsworth ...	188	86	193	201	668	438	1106	400	225	0	0	6	0	0	25	0	0	
172	— Westbourne Grove ...	212	...	560	384	1156	75	1231	550	39	0	0	10	0	0	39	0	0	
173	— Whitefield ...	10	200	71	21	302	43	345	200	200	0	0	1	1	0	...	...	...
174	— Willesden ...	445	134	338	110	1027	268	1295	500	230	0	0	8	10	0	30	0	0	
175	— Wimbledon ...	68	...	305	6	379	...	379	vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
176	— Wood Green ...	207	111	196	79	593	727	1320	300	205	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	
177	— Woolwich, New Rd ...	200	59	234	165	658	12	670	430	215	0	0	5	13	0	15	0	0	
178	— St. Andrew's ...	188	57	352	50	647	260	907	300	220	0	0	5	5	0	20	0	0	
179	Norwich ...	188	68	185	45	486	63	549	*350	205	0	0	4	14	0	5	0	0	
180	Portsmouth ...	192	...	177	8	377	29	406	200	150	0	0	1	1	0	...	...	...
181	Rangoon ...	...	...	512	25	537	...	537	*425	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
182	Reading ...	97	28	95	5	225	71	226	250	...	2	2	0	...	...	...	...	...
183	St. Leonard's, Silverhill ...	27	78	75	10	190	...	190	200	145	0	0	1	10	0	...	...	...
184	— Warrior Sq. ...	124	53	296	43	516	478	994	300	53	2	6	1	15	0	...	...	...
185	Singapore ...	123	...	415	...	538	...	538	*600	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
186	Southampton—St. Andrew's ...	267	42	130	160	599	1264	1863	350	210	0	0	8	10	0	10	0	0	
187	— Totton ...	30	23	72	13	138	2	140	155	110	0	0	1	1	0	...	...	...
188	— Woolston ...	61	35	310	52	458	20	478	200	200	0	0	3	3	0	...	...	...
	Wallington... ..	107	27	75	117	326	287	613	200	200	0	0	2	17	0	...	...	...
	Four Preaching Stations ...	23	18	455	43	539	41	580	301	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		16436	5714	23172	11201	56523	13508	70031	31450	14959	19	4	487	7	0	3071	7	10	

(a) From October 1, 1885.

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.																								GRAND TOTAL.				No.
Home Mission.			Foreign Missions.			Jewish Mission.			Continental Missions.			College.			Instruction of Youth.			TOTAL.				1885.		1884.				
																		TOTAL.										
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
61	0	6	613	14	6	107	2	4	27	6	1	55	19	7	14	11	5	1536	7	11	2060	17	5	19398	7	11		
...	...	...	41	13	6	3	0	0	...	...	...	3	0	0	...	...	...	52	13	6	60	9	10	598	13	6
...			
34	5	3	79	1	0	9	5	6	8	8	3	9	19	6	9	11	0	210	10	6	225	1	10	1892	10	6		
5	7	6	10	10	0	3	10	0	3	5	10	4	7	4	...	...	...	37	0	8	28	1	7	840	0	8
1	0	0	4	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	10	0	11	5	0	278	10	0
16	0	0	33	6	0	10	0	0	3	12	0	8	0	0	5	0	0	104	15	3	130	9	11	1458	15	3		
5	13	8	44	7	3	22	17	5	...	...	...	7	2	9	1	1	0	97	8	4	85	4	10	1013	8	4
8	18	1	22	12	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	10	0	...	...	...	36	1	0	42	13	9	1406	1	0
39	10	2	253	9	7	23	4	6	6	13	7	28	12	10	3	12	9	505	3	5	659	2	5	1365	3	5		
8	0	0	204	16	4	22	10	0	3	3	0	20	0	0	10	0	0	395	11	4	370	11	10	2340	11	4		
20	10	6	83	16	5	13	13	2	12	2	0	21	0	0	...	...	...	245	0	0	279	12	1	1712	0	0
20	15	0	121	14	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	0	0	...	...	...	239	9	10	186	13	4	1718	9	10
5	2	0	6	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	0	13	6	6	636	2	0
...	...	...	1	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	0	3	11	3	559	4	0
41	11	11	284	9	1	25	3	3	2	17	6	24	12	7	10	16	10	779	19	2	1039	3	2	6280	19	2		
...	...	...	1	0	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1	...	...	...	158	0	1
3	9	0	29	0	5	3	10	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	55	19	5	66	17	5	528	19	5		
50	7	3	63	19	8	55	5	9	...	...	...	11	16	2	6	6	0	247	14	10	191	1	2	1863	14	10
1	1	0	6	7	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	8	0	3	10	1	724	8	0
2	0	0	48	3	10	2	15	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	1	5	0	67	15	10	95	2	4	514	15	10		
120	11	0	363	13	9	48	16	0	45	0	0	56	9	6	40	7	6	1257	16	3	1310	13	5	4516	16	3		
1	10	0	26	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	16	3	30	12	0	288	16	3
229	10	4	391	7	9	27	8	11	38	7	10	19	9	0	10	0	0	1259	6	7	1102	3	6	4586	6	7		
1	17	2	4	14	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	11	8	6	12	3	180	11	8
5	16	7	1	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	17	7	8	3	9	444	17	7
6	0	0	13	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	0	...	...	...	22	3	0	46	0	0	1708	3	0
...	...	...	2	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	2	1	10	10	204	0	2
0	10	5	18	13	9	1	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	3	25	16	1	58	14	11	1014	16	1
1	2	0	21	15	9	2	18	0	...	...	...	0	18	0	...	...	...	26	13	9	11	8	4	569	13	9
1	10	0	3	19	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	7	19	0	...	...	...	580	19	0
9	15	2	29	10	9	7	4	9	5	0	11	11	16	0	5	0	11	78	8	6	71	7	9	778	8	6		
...	...	...	3	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	7	3	18	6	198	1	7
7	11	10	26	14	9	6	0	0	...	...	...	6	5	10	0	10	7	72	3	0	90	6	2	738	3	0
...	...	...	96	13	0	18	17	6	5	0	0	15	0	0	6	0	0	196	1	8	166	1	9	1792	1	8
0	16	0	6	18	7	0	16	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	10	7	8	15	0	325	10	7
4	10	4	208	2	2	5	14	4	...	...	...	1	1	0	1	11	6	245	19	4	141	10	9	1351	19	4
10	0	0	61	17	6	5	3	0	5	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	121	0	6	123	18	11	1352	0	6
2	12	6	4	5	2	2	17	6	3	1	0	2	17	2	...	...	...	15	13	4	5	3	6	360	13	4
6	5	0	34	2	7	2	2	9	2	0	0	4	10	0	...	...	...	79	0	4	74	0	11	1374	9	4
2	12	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	0	...	...	...	381	12	0
2	16	0	19	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	31	6	0	25	0	11	1351	6	0
...	...	...	15	14	1	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	14	1	29	14	4	704	14	1
6	18	0	7	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	18	0	15	12	0	940	18	0
5	10	0	20	7	3	2	5	0	2	5	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	39	7	3	25	0	0	588	7	3		
...	...	...	5	15	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	...	...	...	7	15	0	5	11	6	413	15	0
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	18	10	537	0	0
1	6	0	3	19	3	0	10	6	1	3	0	0	15	0	0	7	6	8	1	3	0	10	6	234	1	3		
...	...	...	5	9	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	9	0	17	13	6	196	9	0
5	0	0	12	16	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	16	9	21	4	11	1011	16	9
...	...	...	121	18	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	121	18	2	92	3	2	659	18	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	0	5	5	0	39	13	3	51	0	9	1902	13	3
...	...	...	3	11	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	4	11	0	3	10	0	144	11	0
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	0	10	478	0	0
0	8	9	1	15	10	1	2	5	...	...	...	0	10	0	...	...	...	3	17	0	2	13	1	616	17	0
1	10	0	2	14	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	15	0	...	...	...	5	9	7	17	8	3	585	9	7
760	10	11	3492	4	10	456	1	6	181	18	0	356	12	3	139	7	3	8458	2	7	9145	1	7	78489	2	7		
1066	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

† It has been intimated since the Tables were published that £282 more was contributed for Temporary Purposes, though not returned in Schedule.

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No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid	Collections, &c.	Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.							
	MANCHESTER.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
189	Blackburn—Mount Street	38	14	111	...	163	...	163	200	120 0 0	1 13 6	...
190	" —St. George's...	445	...	146	183	774	179	953	500	...	8 15 0	...
191	Bolton	165	33	240	117	555	...	555	335	210 0 0	5 13 6	10 0 0
192	Bradford	233	109	158	103	603	...	603	400	210 0 0	5 3 0	10 0 0
193	Crewe	54	46	68	23	191	134	325	200	120 0 0	2 14 0	...
194	Leeds—Cavendish Road	184	97	241	27	549	66	615	300	200 0 9	6 2 0	0 0 9
195	" —St. Columba ...	59	33	160	...	252	...	252	200	135 0 0	1 12 6	...
196	Manchester—Ancoats	Free	161	262	55	478	20	498	300	200 0 0	5 8 6	...
197	" —Bowden	Free	...	487	18	505	...	505	350	19 2 0	4 13 6	19 2 0
198	" —Brunswick St.	284	...	359	174	817	27	844	425	228 3 4	7 15 6	28 3 4
199	" —Eccles	61	24	101	26	206	...	206	200	...	2 5 0	...
200	" —Grosvenor Sq.	329	...	227	193	749	478	1227	400	281 4 0	8 15 0	81 4 0
201	" —Hghr Brighn	167	...	394	97	658	...	658	450	...	5 7 6	...
202	" —Longsight ...	223	70	209	...	502	...	502	400	210 0 0	4 14 6	10 0 0
203	" —Pendleton ...	127	...	317	80	524	...	524	300	200 0 0	4 5 6	...
204	" —St. Andrews	267	40	384	200	891	102	993	420	210 0 0	6 17 6	10 0 0
205	" —Sale	197	130	338	124	789	235	1024	*450	220 0 0	6 10 0	20 0 0
206	" —Salford	84	54	267	91	496	...	496	300	200 0 0	5 1 6	...
207	" —Trinity	289	26	270	121	706	30	736	*450	225 0 0	5 17 0	25 0 0
208	" —Whalley Range	Free	...	928	319	1247	700	1947	450	26 7 6	14 15 0	26 7 6
209	" —Withington	459	...	310	437	1206	719	1925	505	75 15 10	10 17 6	75 15 10
210	Oldham ... ..	...	51	99	...	150	...	150	170	...	...	...
211	Preston	89	...	195	40	324	121	445	265	...	4 1 0	...
212	Ramsbottom	95	33	118	25	271	70	341	*200	150 0 0	2 15 6	...
213	Risley	5	...	16	8	29	7	36	100	...	0 4 0	...
214	Rochdale	208	...	144	6	358	...	358	250	200 0 0	3 7 0	...
215	Sheffield	152	49	147	62	410	108	518	217	200 0 0	4 12 0	...
216	Warrington	50	41	83	24	198	16	214	200	110 0 0	2 0 0	...
217	Wharton	53	13	76	24	166	60	226	*200	115 0 0	1 17 0	...
218	Wigan	86	59	135	3	283	400	683	200	105 0 0	3 15 0	...
	Preaching Station	Free	...	60	...	60	20	80	*100	...	...	...
		4403	1083	7050	2574	15110	3492	18602	9437	3970 13 5	147 8 6	315 13 5
	NEWCASTLE.											
219	Bellingham	70	28	76	...	174	...	174	*200	157 10 0	2 10 0	...
220	Blackhill	60	...	277	...	337	...	337	*200	16 0 0	3 10 0	16 0 0
221	Blyth—Bridge Street	28	7	128	...	163	...	163	200	130 0 0	2 0 0	...
222	" —Waterloo Road	91	...	323	22	436	...	436	*205	6 6 0	5 0 0	6 6 0
223	Durham	67	42	112	2	223	116	339	200	200 0 0	3 0 0	...
224	Falstone	84	33	50	1	168	...	168	*200	150 0 0	2 7 6	...
225	Gateshead—Durham Road	141	...	265	18	424	60	484	300	...	6 15 0	...
226	" —Ellison Street	87	1	216	10	314	265	579	200	175 9 8	5 5 0	21 13 0
227	Gosforth	59	32	109	3	203	33	236	210	...	2 12 6	...
228	Hebburn	86	36	113	13	248	...	248	*200	171 0 0	3 17 6	...
229	Hexham	Free	...	406	154	560	498	1058	*220	216 0 0	3 17 6	16 0 0
230	Houghton-le-Spring	59	27	98	2	186	121	307	*200	137 10 0	2 0 0	...
231	Jarrow—Ellison Street	149	...	328	81	558	...	558	325	4 13 10	8 0 0	4 13 10
232	" —St. Kilda's ...	5	17	76	...	98	...	98	155	50 0 0	1 12 6	...
233	Killingworth	12	4	41	...	57	...	57	155	24 4 0	0 17 6	...
	Carried forward	998	227	2618	306	4149	1093	5242	3170	1438 13 6	53 5 0	64 12 10

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.												GRAND TOTAL.				No.
Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.					
						1885.	1884.									
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.					
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...	4 15 0	...	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 10 0	18 5 0	13 10 0	573 5 0	516 10 0	0 191	0 192					
7 0 0	15 0 0	...	1 0 0	33 0 0	36 3 6	636 0 0	610 3 6	1 192	1 193					
1 10 0	13 2 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	16 12 0	21 13 2	341 12 0	278 13 2	0 193	0 194					
1 9 0	15 17 8	1 0 0	1 9 0	2 0 0	1 10 0	23 6 5	4 0 0	638 6 5	723 0 0	0 194	0 195					
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	252 0 0	243 0 0	0 195	0 196
...	22 13 6	...	...	...	...	22 13 6	24 16 0	520 13 6	527 16 0	0 196	0 197	
7 15 0	14 18 3	4 5 6	0 16 6	8 0 6	1 1 0	55 18 9	65 17 7	560 18 9	651 17 7	1 197	1 198					
2 0 5	25 12 4	...	...	...	...	55 16 1	64 15 0	899 16 1	897 15 0	0 198	0 199	
3 8 1	17 6 2	...	...	...	...	20 14 3	40 6 2	226 14 3	250 6 2	2 199	2 200	
19 10 4	44 11 10	...	4 1 6	16 11 7	7 7 16 2	173 15 5	167 2 9	1400 15 5	968 2 9	2 200	2 201					
...	4 1 8	...	...	...	...	4 1 8	67 16 7	662 1 8	748 16 7	7 201	7 202	
2 2 0	13 10 6	...	...	...	...	25 12 6	24 13 11	527 12 6	600 13 11	11 202	11 203	
...	11 18 1	...	...	...	...	11 18 1	34 3 5	535 18 1	524 3 5	3 203	3 204	
8 0 0	40 2 10	4 0 0	3 0 0	13 7 0	5 3 0	83 12 10	85 10 11	1076 12 10	1191 10 11	11 204	11 205					
11 2 6	51 1 6	2 15 0	2 15 0	10 10 0	2 17 0	101 1 0	82 15 4	1125 1 0	826 15 4	4 205	4 206					
1 17 1	15 6 7	0 5 0	0 7 6	0 17 9	0 10 0	19 3 11	14 16 3	515 3 11	552 16 3	3 206	3 207					
15 0 0	27 2 10	3 0 0	...	4 0 0	...	74 2 10	119 2 0	810 2 10	987 2 0	2 207	2 208					
10 0 0	61 9 3	3 0 0	3 3 0	6 4 3	2 0 0	112 4 0	106 6 5	2059 4 0	1289 6 5	5 208	5 209					
53 0 8	190 18 0	...	...	16 12 7	4 18 0	341 5 1	341 2 8	2266 5 1	1529 2 8	2 209	2 210			
2 10 0	1 10 0	...	...	...	...	4 0 0	...	154 0 0	146 0 0	0 210	0 211	
2 10 0	2 10 0	...	...	...	1 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	451 0 0	441 0 0	0 211	0 212		
...	1 0 0	...	...	...	1 0 0	2 0 0	2 10 0	343 0 0	300 10 0	0 212	0 213		
1 4 6	0 19 0	...	...	...	1 12 6	3 16 0	2 4 8	39 16 0	32 4 8	8 213	8 214		
3 0 4	3 11 8	...	...	2 6 11	...	8 18 11	11 9 4	366 18 11	474 9 4	4 214	4 215			
...	5 17 6	...	...	...	...	5 17 6	15 16 9	523 17 6	576 16 9	9 215	9 216	
1 7 6	4 5 0	...	...	...	...	5 12 6	4 9 0	219 12 6	211 9 0	0 216	0 217	
1 5 6	6 1 8	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	1 0 0	10 7 2	12 18 3	236 7 2	185 18 3	3 217	3 218					
0 16 0	2 0 0	0 13 0	0 10 0	1 1 0	...	5 0 0	9 0 0	688 0 0	375 0 0	0 218	0 219					
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3 10 4	18 1 4	2 10 0	...	40 1 8	40 11 10	377 1 8	401 11 10	11 220	11 221					
...	163 0 0	160 0 0	0 221	0 222					
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1 12 10	1 8 5	1 0 7	1 3 2	5 5 0	2 16 0	173 5 0	175 16 0	0 224	0 225					
...	6 9 6	6 9 6	9 12 2	490 9 6	1152 12 2	2 225	2 226					
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...	5 15 3	...	0 6 9	0 6 3	0 2 7	6 10 10	0 17 2	242 10 10	296 17 2	2 227	2 228					
...	3 16 7	248 0 0	281 16 7	7 228	7 229					
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2 10 0	6 12 5	1 3 10	1 10 0	1 5 0	...	13 1 3	14 18 10	320 1 3	226 18 10	10 230	10 231					
6 1 0	12 1 10	22 16 8	27 6 3	580 16 8	641 6 3	3 231	3 232					
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...	0 16 0	0 10 0	1 6 0	0 8 0	58 6 0	71 8 0	0 233	0 234					
57 2 3	117 19 4	1 3 10	3 5 2	6 3 10	1 15 9	252 3 0	187 8 11	5494 3 0	6579 8 11							

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.			Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.		
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.		Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.	Poor, Congrega- tional Missions, &c. &c.											
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
	Brought forward ...	998	227	2618	306	4149	1093	5242	3170	1438 13 6	53 5 0	64 12 10				
34	Newcastle—Barras Bridge	261	...	746	114	1121	...	1121	760	54 5 5	11 10 0	54 5 5				
35	" —Blackett Street	298	3	427	259	987	...	987	500	60 0 0	12 0 0	60 0 0				
36	" —Erskine	54	...	205	...	259	...	259	200	...	3 15 0	...				
37	" —Heaton	52	17	123	4	196	13	209	200	140 0 0	2 2 6	...				
38	" —John Knox	246	...	281	156	683	35	718	400	240 15 6	10 0 0	40 15 6				
39	" —St. George's	92	...	214	4	310	170	480	300	4 9 0	5 17 6	4 9 0				
40	" —Trinity	521	...	466	433	1420	...	1420	800	279 1 0	15 0 0	79 1 0				
41	" —Westmoreland Rd	260	...	367	333	960	14	974	400	43 0 0	9 0 0	43 0 0				
42	North Shields—Howard St	165	30	309	64	568	24	592	390	210 0 0	6 12 6	10 0 0				
43	" —Northumberland Sq	179	...	331	118	628	230	858	350	45 17 6	7 5 0	45 17 6				
44	Seaham ...	48	13	153	...	214	50	264	200	13 9 8	1 15 0	...				
45	Seaton Burn ...	31	3	55	...	89	35	124	155	80 0 0	1 5 0	...				
46	Seaton Delaval ...	50	31	67	...	148	26	174	*200	124 19 10	1 15 0	...				
47	South Shields—Laygate ...	free	...	564	70	634	96	730	*385	11 16 0	7 0 0	11 16 0				
48	" —Mile End Rd	65	...	203	39	307	13	320	200	...	4 7 6	...				
49	" —St. John's	163	...	268	89	520	109	629	300	...	6 5 0	...				
50	" —St. Paul's	116	...	248	53	417	...	417	250	5 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0				
51	Stamfordham ...	free	43	63	...	106	300	406	*176	94 0 0	1 5 0	...				
52	Sunderland—Millfield	...	...	161	1	162	...	162	200	...	...	...	
53	" —Nth Bdge St.	70	45	305	14	434	...	434	*250	205 0 0	2 5 0	5 0 0				
54	" —St. George's	230	7	366	238	841	...	841	500	250 0 0	10 0 0	50 0 0				
55	" —St. Stephen's	50	27	156	8	241	260	501	200	150 0 0	3 0 0	...				
56	" —Smyrna	77	...	292	20	389	...	389	300	200 0 0	4 12 6	...				
57	" —Trinity	181	3	491	153	828	...	828	425	15 0 0	8 10 0	15 0 0				
58	Swalwell ...	...	14	26	81	121	...	121	*200	110 0 0	2 17 6	...			
59	Walker ...	76	7	185	15	283	...	283	*200	200 0 0	4 0 0	...				
60	Wallsend ...	85	...	178	9	272	300	572	*200	...	3 15 0	...				
61	Wark ...	35	3	70	...	108	...	108	*150	90 10 2	1 0 0	...				
62	Willington Quay ...	38	15	203	22	278	...	278	200	200 0 0	3 0 0	...				
	NORTHUMBERLAND.	1455	500	10196	2522	17673	2768	20441	12161	4265 17 7	207 0 0	488 17 3				
63	Alnwick—Clayport Street	98	...	155	43	296	39	335	*200	...	4 0 0	...				
64	" —Lisburn Street	67	13	95	9	184	6	190	*200	152 19 10	2 17 0	...				
65	" —St. James's	128	17	120	16	281	168	449	*200	205 0 0	4 14 0	5 0 0				
66	Bavington ...	65	25	25	...	115	8	123	*200	108 0 0	1 11 0	...				
67	Bedlington...	41	10	72	...	123	40	163	*170	105 0 0	1 16 0	...				
68	Birdhoepraig ...	61	42	31	...	131	...	134	*200	120 0 0	1 15 0	...				
69	Branton ...	84	8	51	15	158	...	158	*200	160 0 0	3 0 0	...				
70	Embleton ...	70	13	57	...	140	15	155	*200	130 0 0	2 7 0	...				
71	Felton ...	52	8	61	8	129	3	132	*200	110 0 0	1 19 0	...				
72	Glanton ...	107	23	69	5	204	...	204	*200	166 0 0	3 3 0	...				
73	Harbottle ...	86	11	48	11	156	...	156	*200	125 0 0	2 9 0	...				
74	Longframlington ...	22	24	17	4	67	...	67	*155	61 0 0	0 18 0	...				
75	Morpeth ...	156	7	163	31	357	...	357	*275	215 0 0	5 0 0	15 0 0				
76	Newbiggin ...	37	11	93	...	141	...	141	155	51 1 4	0 18 0	...				
77	North Middleton ...	53	19	32	1	105	2	107	*200	100 0 0	1 6 0	...				
78	North Sunderland...	77	7	82	12	178	...	178	*200	150 0 0	2 17 0	...				
79	Otterburn ...	57	31	70	1	159	...	159	*200	140 0 0	2 0 0	...				
80	Thropton ...	60	19	27	...	106	...	106	*200	106 0 0	1 15 0	...				
81	Warenford ...	71	14	47	4	136	...	136	*200	115 0 2	2 4 0	...				
82	Warkworth...	71	17	51	...	139	3	142	*200	125 0 0	2 9 0	...				
83	Widdrington ...	67	26	26	...	119	...	119	*200	110 0 0	2 1 0	...				
84	Wooler—Cheviot Street	120	2	92	1	215	...	215	225	200 0 0	3 10 0	...				
85	" —Tower Hill	42	10	59	1	112	...	112	*150	100 0 0	1 16 0	...				
86	" —West Chapel	95	33	46	...	174	59	233	*155	155 0 0	2 15 0	...				
		1787	390	1589	162	3928	343	4271	4685	3010 1 4	59 0 0	20 0 0				

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.																		GRAND TOTAL.								No.								
Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.			Jewish Mission.			Continental Missions.			College.			Instruction of Youth.			TOTAL.																		
																1885.		1884.						1885.			1884.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
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SUMMARY—

No.	PRESBYTERIES, &c.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.			Synod Fund.			Sustentation Fund Aid-Giving.		
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.										
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.	Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.													
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Berwick ...	1467	173	1439	570	3649	897	4546	3296	1520	14	0	57	0	0	62	14	0
2	Birmingham ...	1087	542	2090	303	4022	412	4434	3418	1933	8	4	46	17	0	18	15	0
3	Bristol ...	1396	392	1955	879	4622	2292	6914	2952	1564	10	0	45	0	0	177	0	0
4	Carlisle ...	768	349	1847	270	3234	461	3695	3034	2120	8	2	37	0	7	95	10	3
5	Darlington ...	915	986	3236	774	5911	2332	8243	3898	2874	1	0	62	0	6	41	11	0
6	Liverpool ...	8110	1998	8144	4807	23059	3203	26262	13499	6242	4	9	244	12	0	1188	9	9
7	London ...	16436	5714	23172	11201	56523	13508	70031	31450	14959	19	4	487	7	0	3071	7	10
8	Manchester ...	4403	1083	7050	2574	15110	3492	18602	9437	3970	13	5	147	8	6	315	13	5
9	Newcastle ...	4455	500	10196	2522	17673	2768	20441	12161	4265	17	7	207	0	0	488	17	3
10	Northumberland ...	1787	390	1589	162	3928	343	4271	4685	3010	1	4	59	0	0	20	0	0
11	Donations, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	980	8	2	16	2	3	980	8	2
12	Scholarships ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Church Building ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Aged and Infirm Ministers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Widows and Orphans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Women's Missionary Association ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		10824	12127	60718	24062	137731	29708	167439	87830	13442	6	1	1409	7	10	6460	6	8

II. FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES																													
Home Mission.			Foreign Missions.			Jewish Mission.			Continental Missions.			College.			Instruction of Youth.			TOTAL.				GRAND TOTAL.							
																		1885.		1884.		1885.		1884.					
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
40	9	11	233	1	3	16	3	0	7	10	0	17	8	0	16	12	2	393	18	4	366	15	1	3939	18	4	6673	15	1
26	17	9	147	12	7	11	8	6	8	18	9	6	9	6	2	13	0	222	15	1	225	3	6	4656	15	1	6902	3	6
45	1	7	429	6	9	22	9	7	4	2	0	26	11	4	1	0	0	705	11	3	609	4	9	7619	11	3	7591	4	9
28	17	10	122	0	8	16	18	5	6	14	1	16	7	7	6	13	7	293	2	5	289	15	10	3988	2	5	3861	15	10
38	15	11	405	7	4	22	10	6	2	0	0	24	11	3	5	0	11	539	16	11	556	14	6	8782	16	11	8100	14	6
341	19	0	1393	0	0	133	3	9	108	0	5	181	9	2	38	17	4	3384	19	5	3925	9	7	29646	19	5	34324	9	7
760	10	11	3492	4	10	456	1	6	181	18	0	356	12	3	139	7	3	8458	2	7	9145	1	7	78489	2	7	81066	1	7
161	11	1	638	0	10	26	4	2	36	2	6	89	1	7	32	7	8	1299	1	3	1427	14	9	19901	1	3	18052	14	9
129	14	1	561	15	7	48	9	9	24	0	4	72	13	8	28	9	11	1354	0	7	1364	3	10	21795	0	7	24863	3	10
24	3	7	113	8	0	12	16	8	1	0	0	17	2	0	10	3	0	198	13	3	241	16	6	4469	13	3	4746	16	6
227	12	7	8687	2	9	22	13	6	70	5	0	8444	10	10	30	14	0	18463	6	10	8948	17	2	18463	6	10	8948	17	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	392	13	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	392	13	2	365	15	2	392	13	2	365	15	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7421	2	9	832	16	5	7421	2	9	832	16	5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	295	6	5	362	3	8	295	6	5	362	3	8
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3581	3	0	3470	7	8	3581	3	0	3470	7	8
...	...	...	1663	19	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1663	19	5	3039	5	7	1663	19	5	3039	5	7
1825	14	3	17887	0	0	788	19	4	450	11	1	9645	10	4	311	18	10	48667	12	8	35171	5	7	216106	12	8	213202	5	7

ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH.

THE SUSPENSION FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

Cr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Dr.				For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.				Cr.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To payments to Ministers direct ...	41,417	18	4	By Receipts from Congregations	42,461	17	11				
" " and Orphans' Fund ...	973	15	0	" " Donations ...	47	0	0				
" Rev. J. M. Ross ...				" Dividends from Muter Estate	733	8	2				
" W. Dunn, to July 23 ...											
" Mrs. Galt ...											
" Proportion of Office Charges...	396	14	8								
" " Travelling Expenses ...	25	7	11								
" " Synod Printing ...	38	7	3								
" " College Rent and Teas...	9	18	10								
" " Cost of Inserting Monthly											
" " Contributions in ' Mes-	6	0	0								
" " senger' ...	17	6	0								
" Collecting Books ...	5	5	4								
" Stationery and Printing ...	8	6	0								
" Stamped Cheque Books ...											
" Expenses of Deputation to Congrega-	0	15	11								
" tion ...											
					508	1	11				
					43,173	5	0				
					69	1	1				
" Balance carried to Reserve Fund ...					£43,242	6	1				
									£43,242	6	1

THE RESERVE FUND (SUSTENTATION FUND) *in account with the* TREASURERSHIP

Cr.

COMMITTEE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank carried down	...	2,100	16	5	By Balance from last account	...	1,831
					" Legacy from the late James Alexander, Esq.	...	15
					" Balance from General Fund, as above	...	4
							0
							0
							69
							1
							1
							<u>£2,100</u>
							<u>16</u>
							<u>5</u>
					" Balance brought down	...	2,100
							16
							5

Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. MCLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.
February 8, 1885.

E. & O. E.
JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.
December 31, 1885.

Dr.

Fiscal Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Cf.

To Dividends paid over to Sustentation Fund General Account ...	£	s.	d.
	733	8	2
By Dividends received —			
" London, Chatham, and Dover Railway £1,500 Arbitration Preference Stock, for year to June 30, 1885 (<i>less</i> tax) ...	47	8	0
" Caledonian Railway Coy. on £8,360 Ordinary Stock for year to July 31, 1885 (<i>less</i> tax) ...	355	3	4
" " on £1,554 Consolidated Preference Stock for year to July 31, 1885 (<i>less</i> tax) ...	75	8	11
" North British Railway Company on £1,400 Edinburgh and Glasgow $4\frac{1}{2}$ % Pre- ference Stock, for year to July 31, 1885 (<i>less</i> tax)	61	3	5
" New Zealand Consolidated 4 % Stock on £4,000, for year to Nov. 2, 1885 (<i>less</i> tax) ...	155	6	8
" Barlow & Jones (Limited) on 50 shares for year to September 30, 1885 ...	23	0	0
" Income Tax returned ...	15	10	4
" Profit on Sale of Stock ...	7	6	
	£733	8	2

NO CHANGES IN CAPITAL DURING 1885.

INVESTMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1885.

£	8,360	Caledonian Railway Consolidated Ordinary Stock.
	1,554	" " 5 % Preference Stock.
	2,725	" " Deferred Ordinary Stock.
	1,400	" North British Railway Edinburgh and Glasgow 4½ % Preference Stock.
	1,500	London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Arbitration Preference 4½ % Stock.
	4,000	" " " " Ordinary Stock.
	4,000	New Zealand 4 % Consolidated Stock.
	50	Shares in Barlow & Jones (Limited), £6 paid, £2 paid in advance.
		E. & O. E.
		<i>December 31, 1885.</i>
		JNO. LEGGAT, <i>Financial Secretary.</i>

Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. McLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 8, 1886.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND

In account with the

TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Annuities from Fund, viz. :—				By Balance from last year	...	...	12 0 8
Rev. W. Ballantyne, for quarter to Dec. 31	10	0	0	" Interest on Investments	...	288 15 5	...
" Jas. Fettes, for year to Dec. 31	45	0	0	" Birkenhead, Grange Road	...	0 10 0	...
" Wm. Forster, for year to Dec. 25	25	0	0	" Donations	...	6 1 0	...
" John Greener, for year to Dec. 20	25	0	0				
" A. T. Landreth, for half-year to Nov. 30	15	0	0				
" Peter Taylor, for year to October 28	45	0	0				
" D. Terras, for year to Dec. 31	45	0	0				
" Andrew Wilson, for year to Oct. 25	40	0	0				
	250	0	0				295 6 5
Proportion of Office Charges	11	6	9				
" Travelling Expenses	3	7	7				
" Synod Printing	3	1	4				
" College Rent and Teas	1	3	10				
	18	19	6				
	208	19	6				
	38	7	7				
" Balance in Bank	...	...	...	
	£307	7	1				£307 7 1

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance	By Sundry Investments at Cost Price at December 31, 1885	...	6,429 4 11	...
	" Cash in Bank as above	...	38 7 7	...
							£6,467 12 6

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. McLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 13, 1886.

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1885.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.
INVESTMENTS at DECEMBER 31, 1885.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1,500	0	0	Great Eastern Railway,			Illinois Central Railroad,
360	0	0	4% Preference Stock.	200	0	6% Sterling Bonds.
			5% Debenture Stock.			... New Zealand,
1,000	0	0	Birkenhead Railway,	100	0	5% Government Consolidated Loan.
			4½% Preference Stock.			... India,
289	0	0	Great Western Railway,	104	19	4% Stock.
			5% Guaranteed Stock.			... United States,
300	0	0	North British Railway,			4½% Funded Loan, 1891.
			5% Preference Stock, 1874.			... London and North-Western Railway,
150	0	0	Metropolitan Railway,			4% Guaranteed Stock.
			4% Debenture Stock.			... New Zealand,
100	0	0	Caledonian Railway,	132	0	4% Consolidated Stock.
			4% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.	2 13	16	2
49	12	6	East India Railway,	2 0	0	0
			Annuities Class B.			4½% Government Bonds (£100 of 1872 and £100 of 1874).

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.
INVESTMENTS at DECEMBER 31, 1885.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
806	0	0	London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway,			Illinois Central Railroad,
112	0	0	Consolidated Preference 5% Stock.	2,400	0	5% Sterling Sinking Fund Bonds, 1903.
			5% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.			... Pennsylvania Railroad,
550	0	0	North British Railway,	600	0	6% Consolidated Sinking Fund Mortgage Bonds.
			6% Monkland Preference Stock.			... City of Montreal,
1,610	0	0	Great Western Railway,	1,100	0	5% Sterling Loan Bonds.
			5% Consolidated Preference Stock.			... India,
2,044	0	0	Caledonian Railway,	2,223	11	5
2,125	0	0	4% Consolidated Preference Stock, No. 1.			4% Stock.
600	0	0	" " " No. 2.			... New Zealand,
990	0	0	4% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.	2,783	0	4
			New 4% Consolidated Stock, 1884.			4% Consolidated Inscribed Stock.
			South-Eastern Railway,	1,000	0	0
			5% Consolidated Preference Stock.			... Cape of Good Hope,
			London and North-Western Railway,	1,000	0	0
			4% Consolidated Preference Stock.			4½% Government Bonds.
			Midland Railway,			... Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Coy. Lim.
			5% Consolidated Perpetual Preference Stock.			4% Debenture Stock.
400	0	0	4½% " Preference Stock.	600	0	0
500	0	0	Great Eastern Railway,			4% Debenture Railway Loan (£200 of 1873, £400 of 1876).
			4% Preference Stock.	400	0	0
1,555	0	0	Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway,	500	0	0
			4% Guaranteed South Yorkshire Rent Charge Stock.	850	0	0
676	0	0	Metropolitan Railway,			4% Inscribed Stock.
			4% Perpetual Preference Stock.	1,800	0	0
			Scinde, Punjab, and Delhi Railway,	400	0	0
800	0	0	5% Guaranteed Capital Stock,			4% " 1916-35 " "
				400	0	0
						4% Inscribed Stock 1910-35.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dr.

Ch.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Annuities ... ..	...	...	...	907	10	0
" Proportion of Office Charges ...	...	56	13	6		
" " Travelling Expenses ...	...	8	8	11		
" " Stationery and Printing ...	...	6	1	2		
" " College Rent and Taxes ...	...	3	9	8		
" " Stationery and Printing ...	...	1	11	3		
" Investments made during the Year	...	2,709	15	0		
Less amount realised ... ..	...	100	0	0		
				2,609	15	0
				76	4	6
" Balance in Bank	...			3,593	9	6
				175	7	1
				£3,768	16	7

ANNUITIES FUND.

To Paid Annuity as per General Account Balance	£	s.	d.
...	997	10	0
...
...	16,813	15	2
By Balance from 1884	£	s.	d.
" 70 per Cent. on Members' Contributions of £1,770	1,239	0	5
" Interest on Capital	1,263	4	5
...
£17,221	5	2	

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

To Incidental Expenses as per General Account	£	s.	d.			
...	76	4	6	...	...	...
...	15,210	19	10	...	...	...
By Balance	...	...	...	...	...	...
By Balance from 1884	...	...	...	...	...	...
30 per Cent. on Members' Contributions of £1,770	...	...	...	...	...	...
Donations, Fees, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...
£15,287	4	4		£15,287	4	4

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND *in account with the* TREASURERSHIP.

COMMITTEE.—BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Annuities' Fund...	By Sundry Investments at Cost Price	...	...	...
" Capital	" Cash in Bank	...	...	...
					£31,524	15	0

In conformity with the Rules of the Fund I have audited the above accounts, found them correct, examined the securities, and sent to the Committee, through the Treasurership Committee, a Valuation of the same as on December 31, 1885.

ROBERT A. MOLLEMAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1886.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1885.

JNO. LEGGAT, Financial Secretary.

THE NORTH EASTERN HOME MISSION BOARD *in account with the*
TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Cr.

To Grants :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. Church Extension Grants	...	210	8	4		
II. Evangelistic Grants —						
1. Mission Congregations and Preaching Stations...£57	0	0				
2. Half Expenses of Evan- gelistic Services	6	9	0	63	9	0
				273	17	4
" Expenses paid to Local Treasurer	...			31	0	0
" Proportion of General Charges ...	...	222	1	8		
and Expenses of Synod Deputies	...	104	12	2		
				326	13	10
of which						
Proportion allocated to this Board				39	4	0
				344	1	4
" Balance forward	...			37	11	0
				£381	12	4

Audited and found correct,						
ROBERT A. McLEAN,						
Chartered Accountant, Auditor,						
10, Victoria Street, London, E.C.						

By Proportion of—						
" Balance from last year	...					
" Collections from Free Church of Scotland	...	987	13	6		
" Legacy late Peter Roxburgh	...	86	14	11		
" Interest	...	100	0	0		
		30	5	8		
		1,204	14	1		
of which						
Proportion allocated to this Board						
						144
Congregational Contributions—						16
" Presbytery of Berwick	...	40	9	11		
" " Darlington	...	32	16	6		
" " Newcastle	...	127	5	6		
" " Northumberland	...	23	9	7		
Sabbath Schools	...	...				224
Donations	...	...				1
						6
						9
						2
						0
						3
						12
						0
						£381
						12
						4
" Balance brought down	...					37
						11
						0

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

F. & O. E.
December 31, 1885.

Audited and found correct,

ROBERT A. McLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

F. & O. F.
December 31, 1885.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 13, 1886.

THE SOUTHERN HOME MISSION BOARD *in account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

D_m *C_r.*

To Grants :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. Church Extension Grants ...	616	5	0	...	987	13 6
II. Evangelistic Grants—				Collections from Free Church of Scotland	86	14 11
1. Mission Congregations and				Legacy, late Peter Roxburgh	...	100 0 0
Predaching Stations...£293 15 0				Interest ... ..	...	30 5 8
2. Employment of Students 25 0 0					1,204	14 1
3. Half Expenses of Evan- gelistic Services ... 8 3 2	326	18	2	of which proportion allocated to this Board	685	7 6
" Expenses paid to Local Treasurer				Congregational Contributions—		
" Proportion of General Charges...	222	1	8	Presbytery of Bristol	...	45 1 7
and Expenses of Synod Deputies	104	12	2	" London	...	742 10 6
	326	13	10	Sabbath Schools	...	787 12 1
of which				" Donations	...	18 0 5
proportion allocated to this Board	185	17	10			7 0 0
" Balance forward				Brought down	...	£1,498 0 0
						367 1 9

Audited and found correct,
ROBERT A. McLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
Queen Victoria Street, London, February 13, 1886.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1885.
JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

Audited and found correct,

ROBERT A. MCLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 13, 1886.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1885.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

NORTH-WESTERN AND MIDLAND BOARD.

I.—CHURCH EXTENSION GRANTS.

<i>Presbytery of</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Birmingham—</i>	50	0	0
<i>Walsall ...</i>	64	8	0
<i>Presbytery of Carlisle—</i>	75	0	0
<i>Silloth ...</i>	75	6	6
<i>Presbytery of Liverpool—</i>	150	6	6
<i>Peel Road ...</i>	50	0	0
<i>Walton ...</i>	100	0	0
<i>Presbytery of Manchester—</i>	150	0	0
<i>Eccles ...</i>
<i>Oldham ...</i>
				414	14	6

II.—EVANGELISTIC GRANTS.

1. *Mission Congregations and Preaching Stations.*

<i>Presbytery of Birmingham—</i>	10	10	0
<i>Birmingham, Sneythwick ...</i>	5	0	0
<i>Nottingham, Hyson Green</i>	15	10	0
<i>Presbytery of Carlisle—</i>	...	...	...
<i>Great Salkeld ...</i>	20	0	0
<i>Pennrduddock ...</i>	10	0	0
<i>Presbytery of Manchester—</i>	30	0	0
<i>Risley ...</i>	12	10	0
<i>Tunley ...</i>	40	0	0
	52	10	0

Carried forward ... 98 0 0

512 14 6

II.—EVANGELISTIC GRANTS.

1. *Mission Congregations and Preaching Stations.*

<i>Presbytery of</i>	£	s.	d.
<i>London—</i>	...	...	...
<i>Alderney ...</i>	30	0	0
<i>Bournemouth, McGill Memorial Mission</i>	18	15	0
<i>London, Bermondsey ...</i>	25	0	0
<i>" Bow Road ...</i>	25	0	0
<i>" College Park ...</i>	40	0	0
<i>" Kentish Town ...</i>	50	0	0
<i>" Somers Town ...</i>	37	10	0
<i>" Verulam ...</i>	17	10	0
<i>" Whitfield ...</i>	50	0	0
	293	15	0

2. *Employment of Students.*

<i>Presbytery of London—</i>	...	...	...
<i>Camberwell ...</i>	5	0	0
<i>Willesden ...</i>	20	0	0
	25	0	0

3. *Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services.*

<i>Presbytery of Bristol—</i>	...	...	...
<i>Cardiff ...</i>	3	3	2
<i>Presbytery of London—</i>	...	...	...
<i>Wallington ...</i>	5	0	0
	8	3	2
	£943	3	2

THE CHURCH BUILDING AND DEBT EXTINCTION FUNDS in account with the
TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr. Statement showing the distribution amongst the District Boards of the transactions during 1883-84. *Cr.*

OLD SCHEME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grants paid :—									
" Stockton, St. George's	...	375	0	0			1,708	3	4
" Streatham ...	...	375	0	0			41	4	9
Reserved to pay absolute grants :—				750	0	0			
To Whitby ...	...	375	0	0					
" Leeds, Cavendish Road	...	375	0	0					
" Portsmouth (paid Oct. 2, 1885)	...	375	0	0					
				1,125	0	0			
				<u>£1,875</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			
By Balance from 1882									
" Church Building Fund <i>Cr.</i> ...	...							
" Less Aid and Loan Fund <i>Dr.</i>	...								
By deficiency carried to New Scheme	...								
							1,666	18	7
							208	1	5
							<u>£1,875</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

NEW SCHEME.

North Eastern District Board.

To Balance brought down	...	208	1	5	By amount received from Union Thanks-	...	500	0	0
" General expenses during 1883-4	...	257	17	2	" giving Fund	...	305	0	0
					" Loans repaid	...			
	of which	465	18	7		of which	805	0	0
Proportion allocated to this Board					Proportion allocated to this Board		201	5	0
Four-sixteenths =					Four-sixteenths =				
To Grants paid :					Contributions :—				
" West Hartlepool (Loan)	...	250	0	0	From Newcastle ...	...	5	0	0
" Bellingham	...	200	0	0					
" Seaham	...	250	0	0					
" Thropton	...	20	0	0					
" Hartlepool	...	250	0	0					
					Balance ...	...		
							880	4	8
							<u>£1,086</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>

North Western and Midland District Board.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To proportion of <i>Dr.</i> Balance and charges as above	465	18	7 =	87	7	3
Grants paid:—						
" Leicester (Loan)	50	0	0	...		
" Parkgate ..	400	0	0	...		
				450	0	0
				<u>£537</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
By proportion of General Income as above	805	0	0 =	150	18	9
" Contributions from Carlisle ...	10	0	0			
" " " Liverpool ...	250	0	0			
" Balance ...				260	0	0
				126	8	6
				<u>£537</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>

Southern District Board.

To proportion of <i>Dr.</i> Balance and Charges as above	465	18	7	=	262	1	8
" Grant paid to Richmond (1st Moiety)...					375	0	0
					637	1	8
					1,480	6	3
					<u>£2,117</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>
" Balance ...							
					</		

By Balances brought down:—						
" Southern District Board <i>Cr.</i> ...				1,480	6	3
" <i>Less</i> North Eastern District Board <i>Dr.</i>			880	4	8	
" North Western and Midland District Board <i>Dr.</i>			126	8	6	
Balances carried forward in 1884 accounts:—				<u>1,006</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>
Church Building Fund <i>Cr.</i>			...	2,235	4	11
<i>Less</i> Aid and Loan Fund <i>Dr.</i>			...	636	11	10
				<u>1,598</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>
<i>Less</i> Reserved to pay Grants under Old Scheme			...	1,125	0	0
				<u>£473</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>

THE CHURCH BUILDING AND DEBT EXTINCTION FUNDS in account with the
TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Cr.

North Eastern District Board.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1884	...	...	...	880	4	8
" Grant paid to Harrogate (first moiety)	...	...	...	375	0	0
" Share of Office Charges	45	6	10			
" Travelling Expenses	14	3	9			
" Synod Printing	5	0	5			
" College Rent and Teas	5	9	8			
Of which	70	0	8			
By Legacy from late R. Barbour, Esq., £5,000 of which proportion allocated to this Board				1,500	0	0
" Proportion of Loan repaid from Wigan £50				15	0	0
" Contributions from Darlington Presbytery				6	13	0
" " Newcastle				116	16	6
" " Northumberland "				55	18	0
				179	7	6

Proportion allocated to this board
Four-sixteenths =

17	10	2
1,272	14	10
421	12	8
£1,694	7	6

Balance forward

£1,694	7	6
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North Western Midland District Board.

To Balance from 1884	126	8	6
" Grant paid to Peel Road, Liverpool	100	0	0
" Proportion of General Charges as above, Three-sixteenths of	70	0	8
	13	2	8
	239	11	2
	648	5	10
Balance forward	£887	17	0
By Proportion of Mr. Barbour's Legacy as above	850	0	0
" Loan repaid from Wigan	10	0	0
" Contributions from Birmingham Presbytery	21	4	0
" " Carlisle	6	13	0
	27	17	0
	£887	17	0

Southern District Board.

To Grant paid to Swindon	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
" Proportion of General as Charges above	70	0	8	125	0	0
Nine-sixteenths of	39	7	10			
" Balance forward	164	7	10			
	4,674	10	5			
	4,838	18	3			
" Amount on Deposit with Bankers	5,000	0	0			
" " Current Account with Bankers	1,577	5	2			
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 50%; border-left: 1px solid black; height: 100%;"></div> <div style="width: 50%;"></div> </div>			£	s.	d.
By Balances brought down, viz.—						
At Cr. of North Eastern District Board				421	12	8
At Cr. of North Western and Midland District Board				648	5	10
At Cr. of Southern District Board				4,674	10	5
				5,744	8	11
" Amount reserved to pay grants under old scheme				750	0	0
" Common income not yet distributed—						
Loans repaid from West Hartlepool				50	0	0
" " Leicester				25	0	0
" Interest on Deposit at Bank				75	0	0
				7	16	3
				82	16	3
				£6,577	5	2

Audited and found correct,
 1 Queen Victoria Street, London,
 February 13, 1886.
 ROBT. A McLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

E. & O. E.
 December 31, 1885.
 JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

The Foreign Missions Fund in account

For Year ended

Dr.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,432	4	5
To Missionaries' Salaries—									
AMOI,	Rev. W. S. Swanson	...	...	450	0	0			
	Rev. Wm. McGregor	...	...	430	0	0			
	Rev. Henry Thompson	...	...	350	0	0			
	Rev. John Watson	...	...	337	10	0			
	Rev. Dr. A. L. McLeish	...	...	347	14	2			
	Dr. Grant	...	...	250	0	0			
SWATOW,	Rev. George Smith	...	...	336	13	4			
	Rev. H. L. Mackenzie	...	...	380	0	0			
	Rev. William Duffus	...	...	385	0	0			
	Rev. J. C. Gibson	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. D. McIver	...	...	320	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. Wm. Riddel	...	...	320	0	0			
	Dr. Lyall	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. McPhun	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. Cousland	...	...	250	0	0			
	Mr. Wm. Paton	...	...	270	0	0			
FORMOSA,	Dr. J. L. Maxwell	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. William Campbell	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. Thomas Barclay	...	...	300	0	0			
	Rev. William Thow	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. Anderson	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. W. R. Thompson	...	...	330	0	0			
	Mr. Geo. Ede	...	...	250	0	0			
SINGAPORE,	Rev. J. A. B. Cook	...	...	330	0	0			
INDIA,	Dr. D. Morison (including amount granted for 1878)	...	...	442	10	0			
							8,149	7	6
„ Widows and Orphans' Fund, extra premium for residence abroad of									
26 Missionaries	...	...	...	...	...	...	130	0	0
„ Passage Money—									
Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell,	homewards	...	...	125	8	3			
Rev. Henry Thompson and family	„	...	...	162	0	8			
Dr. Lyall	...	...	...	53	7	10			
Rev. James Main, luggage	...	...	...	5	10	9			
„ W. R. Thompson's child and nurse	„	...	...	23	4	3			
„ W. McGregor, outwards	...	...	...	63	6	3			
Dr. John Lang, outwards	...	...	...	66	4	10			
Rev. W. Duffus, outwards	...	...	...	64	14	0			
„ J. C. Gibson, luggage	...	...	...	17	18	10			
Passage of two lady missionaries in lieu of Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Melver	...	...	...	134	7	2			
							716	2	10
„ Travelling Expenses of Missionaries in England on									
Deputation work	...	...	...	...	...	...	170	6	6
„ Outfit of Missionaries—									
Dr. John Lang (medical)	...	...	...	110	0	0			
Rev. W. Duffus (return)	...	...	...	25	0	0			
							135	0	0
Carried forward	...	...	...				12,733	1	3

with the Treasurership Committee,

DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Or.

					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By <i>Congregational Contributions</i> —										
	From Presbytery of Berwick	...	...	...	190	0	1			
	" Birmingham	...	...	...	31	19	10			
	" Bristol	...	...	...	335	16	3			
	" Carlisle	...	...	...	59	8	8			
	" Darlington	...	...	...	303	2	2			
	" Liverpool	...	...	...	1,038	10	4			
	" London	...	...	...	2,847	6	0			
	" Manchester	...	...	...	368	17	8			
	" Newcastle	...	...	...	395	10	4			
	" Northumberland	...	...	...	50	5	2			
					<hr/>			5,620	16	6
„	<i>Juvenile Fund</i>	...	...	...				1,939	11	7
„ <i>Edinburgh Committee of Scottish Auxiliary Associations, for Salaries of</i> —										
	Rev. George Smith	...	...	...	326	0	0			
	Rev. W. McGregor	...	...	...	420	0	0			
	Rev. W. Duffus	380	0	0			
	Rev. D. McIver	250	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. Riddell	320	0	0			
	Dr. Lyall	250	0	0			
	Dr. McPhun	250	0	0			
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	Subscriptions to Widows and Orphans' Fund	2,196	0	0			
	Salaries of Native Evangelists, &c.	35	0	0			
					145	0	0			
					<hr/>			2,376	0	0
„ <i>Legacies</i> —										
	The late James Alexander, Esq., London	...	...	...	500	0	0			
	„ Peter Roxburgh, Esq., Birmingham	...	...	...	400	0	0			
					<hr/>			900	0	0
„ <i>Colonial and Continental Contributions</i> —										
	Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, per Rev.									
	Isaac Mackay	...	...	...	50	0	0			
	Free Evangelical Church of Germany—									
	Görlitz	...	...	...	5	12	4			
	Schweidwitz	...	...	...	0	14	0			
					<hr/>			6	6	
	Dr. Murray Thompson, Rooskee, India	...	...	...	10	0	0			
	Mrs. Simpson, late of the Leigh, per the Hon.									
	James Balfour, Melbourne	...	...	...	2	0	0			
	Ormond College Missionary Society, per Rev. Pro-									
	fessor Macdonald, President	...	...	...	123	18	6			
	'Christian Messenger,' Basel	...	...	...	1	7	2			
					<hr/>			193	12	0
„ <i>Donations</i> —										
	'Anonymous'	5	0	0			
	'Anonymous'	5	0	0			
					<hr/>					
	Carried forward	10	0	0	11,030	0	1

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

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Dr.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To <i>Home Charges</i> —				12,733	1	3
The 'Gospel in China' and Messengers ...	195	10	8			
Illustrations for 'Children's Messenger' ...	28	19	6			
Insertion of Juvenile Contributions in 'Children's Messenger' ...	40	9	5			
Annual Reports ...	48	12	0			
Share of Synod Reports and Printing ...	35	8	3			
Share of Office Charges ...	226	14	0			
Travelling Expenses of Presbytery Representatives and Members of Committee ...	29	16	6			
Missionary Boxes, Children's Cards and Collecting Books ...	30	17	1			
Stationery ...	4	18	9			
Share of College Rent and Taxes ...	13	18	10			
Dr. Morison's Magic Lantern Slides ...	5	10	0			
Freight ...	4	13	5			
Rev. W. S. Swanson (Rent and Taxes) ...	69	6	6			
Telegram to Amoy ...	2	10	0			
				737	4	11
„ <i>Interest on Overdrawn Account</i> ...				157	12	10
„ <i>Amoy Mission Expenses, viz.</i> —			Dols.			
Salaries of 30 Native Preachers ...			2,136			
„ 11 „ Teachers ...			636			
„ 20 Chapel-keepers ...			465			
„ 1 Colporteur ...			60			
Support of 10 Students and Seminary Expenses ...			326			
Wages of 6 Boatmen ...			374			
Steam Launch Expenses ...			198			
Travelling, Consular Fees, &c. ...			400			
Gospel Boat Expenses ...			153			
Middle School Expenses, <i>less</i> Fees ...			73			
Rents of Chapels, &c. ...			397			
Allowance to 1 Widow ...			13			
Maintaining and Repairing Kolongsu Houses ...			427			
Church Building ...			173			
Amoy Hospital, <i>less</i> Fees and Donations... ..			260			
Chin-Chew Hospital „ „ ...			359			
Balance in Treasurer's hands ...			514			
			Dols.			
Received for Rent of Mission House ...	574	57		6,969	20	
Sale of Dictionaries and Arithmetics ...	213	70				
Native Contributions ...	146	50				
Donations &c. ...	132					
Balance from last account ...	792	68				
				1,859	45	
				\$5,109	75	or
				£908	14	6
Medicines sent from England ...			149			
Carriage of Books from Glasgow ...			0			
				1,059	3	5
„ <i>Swatow Mission Expenses, viz.</i> —						
Salaries of 16 Native Preachers ...			929			
„ 9 Chapel-keepers ...			253			
„ 1 College Tutor ...			84			
„ 1 Middle School Teacher ...			44			
„ 4 Congregational School Teachers ...			164			
„ 5 Private Teachers ...			391			
„ 2 Printers ...			96			
„ 1 Janitor, Middle School ..			41			
Carried forward ...				2,003	33	14,687 2 5

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...			10	0	0	11,030	0	1
By Donations (continued)—								
'Anonymous' ...			0	7	6			
'Anonymous' ...			0	0	6			
G. F. Barbour, Esq., on account of Hak-ka Girls' School ...			100	0	0			
Rev. Thomas Barclay, ...			50	0	0			
Per S. S. Bagster, Esq., Chalmers Free Church, Glasgow, on account of Formosa ...			0	15	0			
" " " 'A Friend in Scotland' ...			10	0	0			
Mrs. Beattie ...			50	0	0			
Buckie Free Church ...			4	0	0			
Mrs. Caley ...			1	1	0			
Miss Susan Charles ...			0	5	0			
Miss Mary Cowie ...			2	7	0			
W. Cox, Esq....			1	0	0			
Dr. and Mrs. Crabbe ...			2	0	0			
M. Cruickshank, Esq. ...			50	0	0			
Per J. K. Cruickshank, Esq.—A few Friends ...			1	0	0			
John Cunliffe, Esq. ...			100	0	0			
J. M. Douglas, Esq., on account of Sanitarium ...			25	0	0			
Mr. George Ede, Formosa ...			2	10	0			
'An Elder' ...			10	0	0			
'An Elder,' Northumberland ...			2	0	0			
'A Friend' ...			105	0	0			
'A Friend' per John Bell, Esq. ...			10	0	0			
'Friends' per Dr. Gauld ...			0	14	6			
G. to G. by G. of G. ...			50	0	0			
Mrs. Henry Gamble's Drawing-room Meeting ...			17	11	0			
L. Gibson, Esq. ...			3	3	0			
Miss Goodall ...			1	0	0			
James Grant, Esq. ...			10	0	0			
T. K. Hardie, Esq. ...			10	0	0			
Mrs. P. Hardie ...			10	0	0			
'J. S.,' Walker on Tyne ...			0	10	0			
A. R. Johnston, Esq. ...			10	0	0			
Captain H. King, R.N. ...			1	0	0			
'M.' ...			30	0	0			
'M. M. M.' on account of Medical Mission, Formosa ...			5	0	0			
'M.' per James E. Mathieson, Esq. ...			4	13	2			
James Macandrew, Esq. ...			5	0	0			
Mrs. McAuslane ...			0	5	0			
Mr. McCulloch ...			5	0	0			
D. McKechnie, Esq. ...			50	0	0			
Dr. John F. McPhun ...			10	0	0			
Thomas McQuarrie, Esq. ...			1	13	0			
J. Lumsden Masterton, Esq. ...			2	0	0			
Per Miss Matheson, on acct. of 'The Gospel in China' ...			3	6	0			
" " Policemen's Bible Class Box ...			1	6	3			
Per Dr. Maxwell—Miss Whitfield ...			3	5	0			
" " 'D. M. M.' ...			1	0	0			
Per Miss Miller—Friends in Sunderland... ..			3	0	0			
A Member of the Presbyterian Church of England 'N. T.' ...			3,000	0	0			
William Oliver, Esq. ...			2	2	0			
Reyner Trust Fund ...			0	10	0			
Rev. William Riddel ...			20	0	0			
" J. G. Van Rijn ...			11	18	8			
William Sharp, Esq. ...			2	0	0			
Miss Short ...			1	0	0			
George Sturge, Esq. (Second and Third Instalments of £1,000) ...			200	0	0			
Carried forward ...			4,015	3	7	11,030	0	1

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

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Dr.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account*

		Dols.	Dols.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2,003.33	14,687	2	5
To <i>Swatow Mission Expenses</i> , continued—						
Support of 23 Students	...	...	607.50			
Wages of 4 Boatmen	...	...	219.			
College Expenses	...	...	48.61			
Rents	...	...	102.25			
Repairs on Buildings, Roads, &c.	...	...	149.56			
Station Expenses and New Premises	...	...	110.28			
Middle School, <i>less</i> Fees	...	...	295.21			
Travelling and General Expenses	...	...	806.96			
Books and Tracts, <i>less</i> Sales	...	...	7.91			
Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...	552.80			
			4,903.41			
Donations from Dun Edin and Kaikori	...	100.58				
Fees from Congregational Schools	...	58.93				
Donation from Mr. Paton	...	20.				
" Rev. George Smith	...	50.				
Interest from Bank	...	14.96				
Native Presbytery Preaching Fund	...	308.22				
Balance from last Account	...	379.26				
			931.95			
			\$3971.46	or		
			£707	3	5	
Drawn on account of Sanitarium (amount repaid by						
Mr. Douglas per contra)	...	...	25	0	0	
						732 3 5
„ <i>Hak-ka Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—						
Salaries of 4 Preachers, 4 Student Preachers,						
5 Teachers, 4 Chapel-keepers, and support of						
9 Students and 9 School-boys	...	...	1,229.01			
College and Boys' School Expenses, <i>less</i> fees	...	...	28.19			
House Building	...	...	2269.75			
Mission Buildings and Repairs	...	...	89.19			
Rent of Chapels and Repairing	...	...	49.53			
Cost of Dispensary at Ng-kang-phu	...	...	248.84			
Wages and medicines for	...	...	293.27			
Travelling and General Expenses	...	...	438.04			
Books	...	...	10.13			
Furnishing of Girls' School	...	...	73.33			
Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...	533.21			
" Swatow	...	...	471.75			
			\$5734.24			
Balance from last account	...	195.55				
Native Presbytery Preaching Fund	...	£6.99	281.54			
			\$5,452.70	or	969	8 9
„ <i>Formosa Mission Expenses</i> —						
Salaries of Preachers, <i>less</i> Native Contri-						
butions, \$261.59	...	...	1,721.41			
" Teachers and Missionaries...	...	...	289.			
" College Tutor and Students	...	...	576.75			
" Chapel-keepers, &c....	...	...	197.50			
" Middle School, <i>less</i> fees, \$16.27	...	...	179.41			
Mainland Expenses during Blockade	...	...	410.80			
Building and Repairs of Chapel	...	...	515.27			
Mission Houses and Compound	...	...	279.81			
Travelling and General Expenses	...	...	806.28			
Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...	661.08			
Carried forward	...	...	5,637.31	16,388	14	7

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	4,015	3	7	11,030	0	1			
By <i>Donations</i> (continued)—									
Rev. Henry Thompson...	...	...	...	10	0	0			
J. M. Thompson, Esq. ...	...	...	...	1	1	0			
Rev. W. M. Thompson	...	...	...	1	1	0			
„ J. B. Thorburn, B.D.	...	...	...	1	0	0			
Vander Meulen Trust—per C. B. Macintosh, Esq. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0			
Miss Jessie Veitch	...	...	...	0	10	0			
John Vint, Esq., Belfast, by request of his son—									
late Rev. R. Vint...	...	...	...	20	0	0			
‘W. W.’	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Mrs. Wallace	...	...	...	1	0	0			
Misses Waterhouse	...	...	...	5	0	0			
Rev. John Watson, Amoy	...	...	...	7	10	0			
A. W. Webb, Esq., on account of Medical Mission	...	...	...	1	1	0			
J. C. White, Esq.	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Mrs. J. G. Wilson	...	...	...	2	0	0			
A Workman's Thankoffering	...	...	...	2	0	0			
Alexander Wylie, Esq.	...	...	...	1	0	0			
Donations on account of India—									
‘Anonymous’	...	...	...	5	0	0			
George McLeod, Esq.	...	...	...	135	0	0			
Arthur Magniac, Esq.	...	...	...	50	0	0			
D. Matheson, Esq. (2 Donations)	...	...	...	10	0	0			
C. S. & H. K. Patterson, Esqs. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0			
J. R. Bullen Smith, Esq., C.S.I.	...	...	...	20	0	0			
				221	0	0			
							4,490	6	7
„ <i>Collections at Missionary Meetings</i> —									
At Manchester	...	...	...	9	18	6			
At Newcastle...	...	...	...	6	11	6			
At South Shields	...	...	...	4	4	0			
							20	14	0
„ <i>Students' Missionary Society</i> —									
On account of China Colleges	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	12	8
„ <i>Glasgow Free Church Students' Missionary Society</i> —									
On account of Formosa	...	...	...	...	...	...	530	0	0
„ J. T. Morton, Esq., on account of Medicines for Dr. Cousland									
	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	7	3
„ <i>Women's Missionary Association</i> —									
Grant for Furnishing Hak-ka Girls' School	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
							16,223	0	7
By Balance overdrawn									
	1,641	14	7
Carried forward	£17,864	15	2

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

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Dr.				THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND <i>in account</i>			
				Dols.	Dols.	£	s. d.
	Brought forward		5,637.31	16,388	14 7
To	Balance from last account	...	...	758.33			
„	One copy of Dr. Douglas' Dictionary sold			9.			
					767.33		
					4,869.98		or
					£872 2 4		
„	Medicines sent from England	...	...	...	18 18 3		
						891	0 7
„	<i>Singapore Mission Expenses—</i>						
	Salaries of Preachers	...	...	...	183.		
	„ Teacher	...	...	...	154.50		
	„ Chapel-keeper	...	...	...	10.		
	„ Colporteur	...	...	...	21.		
	Rents, Repairs, &c.	...	...	...	534.66		
	Pony, Man, and Gharry Expenses...	...	...	...	180.77		
	Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	198.69		
	Books, Tracts, and Stationery, <i>less</i> Sales...	...	...	...	27.78		
	Medical Account	...	...	...	131.50		
	Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...	...	455.99		
					1897.89		
	Balance from last account	...	...	55.09			
	Donations received	...	...	177.20			
					232.29		
					£1,665.60		or
					£300 0 0		
	Drawn against Donation from Torquay, on account of						
	Building Fund	...	...	...	15 0 0		
	Extra allowance to Mr. Cook for Expenses	...	...	...	60 0 0		
						375	0 0
„	<i>India Mission Expenses, viz.—</i>						
	Schools, <i>less</i> Grants and Fees	...	...	Rs. 732 7 0			
	Repairs	...	...	722 9 6			
	Boat and Travelling Expenses	...	...	510 4 6			
	Horses and Oxen	...	...	292 2 9			
	Church	...	...	291 6 0			
	Dispensaries, <i>less</i> Receipts	...	...	93 0 3			
	Books, Tracts, &c., <i>less</i> sales	...	...	112 7 9			
	Rent and Taxes	...	...	108 13 9			
	Orphans, <i>less</i> Government Aid	...	...	28 12 0			
	Tent...	...	...	303 0 0			
	General Expenses	...	...	62 13 9			
	Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...	1,002 9 9			
					4,280 7 0		
	Balance from last year	...	Rs. 371 8 6				
	Church Collections	...	450 10 0				
	Boat and Tent Fund	...	337 0 0				
	Rent of Bungalow and Repairs...	...	450 0 0	1609 2 6			
					2,671 4 6		or 210 0 0
						£17,864	15 2
„	Balance brought down	...	...	...		1,641	14 7

N.B.—Since closing the accounts the amount of Mrs. Mackenzie's Legacy, £2,366 13 9, has been received, leaving £724 19 2 to be carried forward to credit of 1886.

Snaton Girls' School.

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. MCLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, *February* 15, 1886.

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				17,864	15	2

£17,864 15 2

Capital Account.

By Balance from last year still at credit deposited with Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	£1,033	0	0
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E. & O. E.

JNO. LEGGAT,

December 31, 1885.

Financial Secretary.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT for the Year ending DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Dr.

Cr.

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries in China to Oct. 31, 1885—		300	0	0	...	...	588 19 7
Misses MacLagan and Mann, 1 year		...	...	...	...	...	...
Miss Black, 7½ months		93	15	0	...	1,167 2 1	...
Misses Scott and Butler, 1 quarter		75	0	0	...	203 14 3	...
Salaries at Rampore Bauleah to Oct. 31, 1885—		...	...	...	...	...	1370 16 4
Misses Bayly and Symington		...	...	...	...	...	195 3 6
Outfits—		...	...	...	...	...	...
Misses Johnston and Stuart		...	...	...	...	...	...
Passage and Baggage Expenses—		...	...	...	...	...	...
Misses Black, Butler, Johnson, and Stuart		...	...	...	...	...	...
Expenditure at Mission Stations—		...	...	...	...	...	...
As per statement below		464	0	0	...	...	134 7 2
Hak-ka school, grant, for furnishing, &c.		29	6	6	...	...	...
Home Charges—		...	...	...	...	...	...
Doctors' Certificates		3	3	0	...	...	...
Printing, advertising, two telegrams, &c.		21	18	6	...	...	...
'Our Sisters,' cost, less sales		23	6	6	...	...	...
Balance carried forward		...	...	...	...	...	...
		48	8	0	...	...	...
		1,663	19	5	...	...	...
		702	12	2	...	...	...
		2,366	11	7	...	...	...

£2,366 11 7

L. M. ANDERSON, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

HENRY J. WENHAM, *Hon. Auditor.*

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AT THE MISSION STATIONS.

	RECEIPTS	AMOY		SWATOW		FORMOSA		TOTAL	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	Balance from last account	...	...	15 17 0	24 7 2	4 16 1	45 0 3		
	Remittances from home, as above	...	...	120 0 0	304 0 0	40 0 0	464 0 0		
	Donations, &c. ...	...	...	—	14 8 9	—	14 8 9		
	Scholars' fees, &c. ...	...	...	3 11 5	9 2 0	—	12 13 5		
		£139	8 5	£351	17 11	£44	16 1	£536	2 5
	Ladies' Chinese teachers	...	...	17 17 0	14 14 0	—	32 11 0		
	Bible Women and School Teachers' salaries, &c.	...	...	19 1 6	74 17 2	2 2 0	96 0 8		
	Wages, Food, Water, and Firing	...	...	70 5 3	53 17 9	—	124 3 0		
	Books and materials for clothing	...	...	—	25 16 6	—	25 16 6		
	Expenses of Missionary journeys	...	...	—	9 0 9	0 16 4	9 17 1		
	Expenses during absence through illness	...	...	—	60 10 2	—	60 10 2		
	Misses Scott and Black, passages and expenses	...	...	—	66 3 10	—	66 3 10		
	Repairs to buildings, &c.	...	...	13 10 7	17 14 10	34 3 7	65 9 0		
	Petty expenses, consular fees and exchange	...	...	0 17 6	8 2 11	0 17 3	9 17 8		
		121	11 10	330	17 11	37	19 2	490	8 11
	Balances carried forward	...	...	17 16 7	21 0 0	6 16 11	45 13 6		
		£139	8 5	£351	17 11	£44	16 1	£536	2 5

JEWISH MISSION FUND *in account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Rev. T. J. Meyer, Salary for year	500	0	0	...	...	...
" Mr. Polan	90	0	0	...	...	...
" Housekeeper's Wages	10	0	0	...	...	...
" Mission Expenses	43	18	6	...	...	...
" Rent	80	0	0	...	...	...
" Expenses of Reading Room	10	4	2	...	...	...
" Repairs on Building	29	15	0	...	...	...
" Proportion of Office Charges	34	0	2	...	...	...
" Travelling Expenses	9	4	10	...	...	...
" Synod Printing	10	3	7	...	...	...
" College Rent and Teas	2	19	8	...	...	...
" Circulars <i>re</i> Collection	1	10	6	...	...	...
" Dr. Robert Kerr, Outfit	60	0	0	...	...	...
" Expenses to London...	6	5	9	...	...	...
" Balance in Bank	888	2	2	...	...	...
				97	12	9	...	...	...
				£985	14	11	...	...	...
By Balance from last year	590	0	0	...	...	...
" Congregational Contributions:—									
Presbytery of Berwick
" Birmingham
" Bristol
" Carlisle
" Darlington
" Liverpool
" London
" Manchester
" Newcastle
" Northumberland
" Sabbath Schools	173	17	8	...	...	...
" Donations...	57	18	9	...	...	...
" Balance brought down	66	5	9	...	...	...
				888	2	2	...	...	...
				97	12	9	...	...	...
				£985	14	11	...	...	...

Andited and found correct,

ROBT. A. McLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London,

February 13, 1886.

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1885.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Cr.

To Grants, viz.:—

Audited and found correct.

ROBT. A. McLEAN,

J. A. MOULTON,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, *February 15, 1886.*

E. & O. F.

December 31, 1885.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary,

THE COLLEGE FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	374	4	4			
" Principal Chalmers' Salary for Year	700	0	0			
" Professor Graham's Salary for Year	700	0	0			
" Professor Gibbs' Salary for Year	400	0	0			
" Professor Elmslie's Salary for Year	500	0	0			
" Janitor's Wages, and House and Garden Expenses	2,300	0	0			
" Coals, Gas, and Water	271	17	3			
" Rates and Taxes	110	0	4			
" Income Tax and House Duty	76	3	6			
" Rent	20	15	0			
" Library	242	3	9			
" Fire Insurance	5	0	0			
" Printing Invitation Cards for Opening Lecture	6	15	0			
" Examination Board Expenses	4	6	3			
" Proportion of Office Charges	45	13	4			
" Travelling Expenses	68	0	4			
" " Synod Printing	41	13	7			
" " College Teas	22	12	3			
" " College Teas	1	8	10			
" Repairs on Building	81	18	7			
" Fee for Teaching Elocution	31	10	0			
				3,229	18	0			
" Balance brought down	£3,704	2	4			
Audited and found correct.				471	5	2			
ROBT. A. McLEAN, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.									
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1886.									
By Congregational Contributions—									
Presbytery of Berwick	17	8	0			
" Birmingham	6	9	6			
" Bristol	26	11	4			
" Carlisle	16	7	7			
" Darlington	24	1	3			
" Liverpool	181	9	2			
" London	355	12	3			
" Manchester	89	1	7			
" Newcastle	72	13	8			
" Northumberland	17	2	0			
" Sabbath Schools	806	16	4			
" Donations	1	10	0			
" Thos. Drysdale, Esq., on account of Supplement to Barbour Professor for five years, £500—of which available for fourth year (1885)	20	10	0			
" Legacy, the late James Alexander	100	0	0			
" College Trustees	1,271	15	2			
" Three Years' Income Tax returned	75	6	4			
" Barbour Endowment, Interest on £10,000 North Staffordshire Ry. 5% Pref. Stock	485	18	9			
" Income Tax returned	11	19	7			
" Rent from London Presbytery	60	0	0			
" Rent of Stables	60	0	0			
" Rent from Standing Committees	45	0	0			
" Students' Fees	165	0	0			
" Balance overdrawn	94	1	0			
				3,232	17	2			
				471	5	2			
				£3,704	2	4			

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1885.

JNO. LEGGAT, Financial Secretary.

COLLEGE TRUST in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
To Rev. William Ballantyne, Secretary	...	10	0
" Balance transferred to College Fund	...	1,347	1
By Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Railway and Dock Co. One year on £5,000 4½ % Deb. Bonds, less tax	218	13	2
" London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, One year on £1,200 4½ % Deb. Bonds, do.	52	9	8
" Do. One year on £2,060 4 % Stock, do.	80	1	8
" Gt. Eastern Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	38	17	7
" Midland Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	38	17	6
" South Eastern Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Perpetual Deb. Stock, do.	38	17	8
" London and North-Western Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	38	17	6
" Do. on £4,000 4 % Perpetual Deb. Stock, do.	155	10	0
" Gt. Western Railway, One year on £1,965 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	76	7	9
" Do. on £3,600 5 % Consolidated Preference Stock, do.	174	18	9
" Gt. Northern Railway One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	38	17	6
" Caledonian Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	38	13	11
" 227 Strand, One year's Rent, to Michaelmas, 1885, do...	290	12	6
" Income Tax returned for three years	75	6	4
	£1,357	1	6

COLLEGE TRUST CAPITAL ACCOUNT in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

	£	s.	d.
To amount invested during the year—			
£1,426 15s. 9d. New South Wales Government 4 % Inscribed @ 105	1,498	2	6
£1,475 19s. 9d. Queensland Government 4 % Inscribed @ 101½	1,498	2	6
£1,442 4s. 9d. Victoria Government 4 % Inscribed @ 103½	1,498	2	6
£1,452 14s. 6d. South Australia Government 4 % Inscribed @ 103½	1,498	2	6
Broker's Commission ⅓	7	10	0
	6,000	0	0
Cost of Conveyance of Moiety of 227 Strand	105	0	0
" Costs of Action <i>re</i> Royal Courts of Justice Co.	375	14	3
" Balance in Bank	78	13	4
	£6,559	7	7

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. McLEAN, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1886.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year	539	7	7
" Legacy from late Mrs. Elizabeth Hardie	1,000	0	0
" " Robert Barbour, Esq.	5,000	0	0
" New Endowment Fund, donation received during year	6,000	0	0
	20	0	0
	£6,559	7	7
" Balance brought down ...	...	...	...
	78	13	4

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1885.
JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary

Cr.

Audited and found correct.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1885.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

THE SYNOD FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Ch.

SYNOD FUND.

(288)

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
" Travelling Expenses of Members of Synod to Meeting in London, 1885, viz.:— Presbytery of Berwick	40	3	8			
" " Birmingham	35	0	11			
" " Bristol	24	2	2			
" " Carlisle	63	14	3			
" " Darlington	66	18	0			
" " Liverpool	116	14	1			
" " London	33	10	4			
" " Manchester	91	6	0			
" " Newcastle	199	14	1			
" " Northumberland	82	0	10			
				753	4	4
" Deputation to United Presbyterian Church	11	6	3			
" " Irish Assembly	2	18	0			
" " Belfast Council	4	2	0			
" " Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church	1	10	0			
" " Belgian Synod	5	0	0			
" " Union of Free Churches of France	5	0	0			
				29	16	3
" Expenses of Brockley Commission				2	3	0
" Honorarium and Allowance to Clerk				80	0	0
" Publications Committee, Exchange of Periodicals with United Presbyterian Church				46	12	5
" Printing Reports, Actings, Proceedings, &c.				117	15	8
" Printing Pastoral Letter... ..				11	11	10
" Incidental Expenses				4	14	0
" Copying Presbytery Minutes				16	0	6
" Proportion of Office Charges				170	0	6
" " Travelling Expenses				148	4	11
" " Teas at College				1	8	10
" Expenses of Special Committees— Confession of Faith	11	7	0			
" Public Praise	3	0	6			
				14	7	6
On Account of Historical Essay per Rev. A. H. Drysdale				10	0	0
				1,405	19	9
To Balance in Bank				111	12	8
				£1,517	12	5

Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. McLEAN, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1886.

<p>By Balance from last year</p> <p>" Congregational Contributions:— " Presbytery of Berwick</p> <p>" " Birmingham</p> <p>" " Bristol</p> <p>" " Carlisle</p> <p>" " Darlington</p> <p>" " Liverpool</p> <p>" " London</p> <p>" " Manchester</p> <p>" " Newcastle</p> <p>" " Northumberland</p> <p>" Blue Books, &c., sold</p>	<p>57 0 0</p> <p>46 17 0</p> <p>45 0 0</p> <p>37 0 7</p> <p>62 0 6</p> <p>244 12 0</p> <p>487 7 0</p> <p>147 8 6</p> <p>207 0 0</p> <p>59 0 0</p> <hr/> <p>1,393 5 7</p> <p>16 2 3</p>
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E. & O. F.
December 31, 1885.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

	£	s.	d.
To Rent	115	2	6
" Salaries	446	10	3
" Interest	13	6	0
" Postages and Carriage	59	15	3½
" Sundry Expenses, Stationery, &c.	82	18	7¼
By Balance from last account	93	16	9¼
Less amount transferred to Capital	90	0	0
" "Messenger" account, January to July—	3	16	9¼
By Sales £315 18 8½	315	18	8½
" Advertisements	89	1	6
" Stock in hand	4	9	6
Less Paper & Printing	316	8	11
" Editing	29	8	0
" Stock at end of 1884	7	5	10
" "Presbyterian Messenger" account (Monthly numbers), August to Dec.—	353	2	9
By Sales ...	201	5	0
" Advertisements ...	60	0	0
Less Contract price of five monthly numbers	261	5	0
236	17	6	
Deduct expenses connected with change in periodical ...	24	7	6
" "Children's Messenger" account—	80	14	5½
By Sales ...	14	3	0
" Advertisements ...	499	14	11
" Stock in hand ...	26	8	8
Less Paper and Printing	36	4	8
" Stock at end of 1884	384	9	7
Trading account—	37	17	6
By Sales ...	2,986	5	11¾
" Stock in hand ...	806	7	7½
Less Purchases (including Stock in hand at end of 1884	3,792	13	7¼
£751 18 9¼)	3,554	16	4¾
" Balance, loss, carried down	237	17	2¼
	269	6	0¼
	£717	12	8
Balance brought down	£717	12	8

Dr. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.—BALANCE SHEET, December 31, 1885. Cr.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Capital Account, December 31, 1884	350 0 0	By Stock, "Messenger"	4 9 6
" Amount transferred from Profit and Loss	90 0 0	" Children's Messenger "	36 4 8
"		" Shorter Catechism "	£21 19 1
" Loan from Bankers	440 0 0	Bocks and Sundries	784 8 6½
" Accounts due by the Committee	500 0 0	Office Stationery	806 7 7½
"	1,498 16 4½		26 5 11
"	2,438 16 4½	Office Furniture and Fittings	873 7 8½
" Suspense	4 8 11½	" Accounts due to the Committee	128 7 6
"		" Cash in hand	1,048 3 5½
"		" Balance of Profit and Loss Account	124 0 8
			269 6 0¼
	£2,443 5 4		£2,443 5 4

(Signed) ROBERT A. McLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

OFFICE CHARGES in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1885.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries	938	0	10	By Sustaination Fund	...	...	...
" Rent, Cleaning, and Fires	168	10	7	" Foreign Missions	...	35%	396 14 8
" Postage and Receipt Stamps	64	2	8	" Home Mission	...	20%	226 14 0
" Stationery and Printing	28	0	11	" Jewish Mission	...	10%	113 7 1
" Financial Secretary's Guarantee Premium	20	0	0	" Continental Churches	...	3%	34 0 2
" Auditor's Fee for 1884	21	0	0	" College Fund	...	3%	5 13 4
" Cheque Book and Bank Commission	5	15	6	" Instruction of Youth	...	6%	68 0 4
" Telegrams	2	8	6	" Church Building and Debt Exinction Funds	...	3%	5 13 4
" Repairs and Furnishing	1	14	0	" Aged and Infirm Ministers	...	4%	45 6 10
" Carriage of Parcels, &c.	1	12	1	" Widows and Orphans	...	1%	11 6 9
" Directory	1	5	0	" Synod Fund	...	5%	56 13 6
" Gas	0	13	2	"	...	15%	170 0 6
" Insurance	0	6	0	"	...	100%	1,133 10 6
" Sundry Incidental Expenses	1	7	6	" Interest on Overdrawn Account	...	...	111 6 3
	£1,244	16	9				£1,244 16 9

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. McLEAN, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1886.

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1885.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FOR SYNODICAL FUNDS.

	1885.		1884.		1883.		1882.		1881.		1880.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Sustentation Fund :—												
Aid from Congregations, and Donations ...	5,526	18 6	5,600	8 8	5,895	9 10	6,137	12 1	6,025	14 10	6,177	14 2
Scottish Subsidy ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	142	6 5	546	17 9
Reserve Fund (Legacy)	200	0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	0 0
Mutur Interest ...	733	8 2	800	17 3	764	8 11	737	8 2	222	1 2	—	—
	6,460	6 8	6,401	5 11	6,659	18 9	6,865	0 3	4,390	2 5	6,824	11 11
Home Mission ...	1,825	14 3	1,586	1 0	2,798	3 0	1,960	8 11	2,042	13 1	2,136	15 10
Church Building and Debt												
Extinction Funds ...	7,421	2 9	832	16 5	1,096	15 3	210	8 6	379	15 8	261	15 7
Foreign Missions ...	17,887	0 0	17,131	4 1	16,425	0 7	16,662	7 10	13,013	2 2	13,240	5 7
Jewish Mission ...	788	19 4	859	1 1	881	16 4	900	15 3	803	12 10	838	0 10
Continental Missions ...	448	9 1	498	10 8	528	12 9	613	5 8	944	1 4	310	11 10
Aged and Infirm Ministers ...	295	6 5	362	3 8	300	1 2	301	3 11	303	0 8	283	15 2
Widows and Orphans ...	3,581	3 0	3,470	7 8	3,139	15 10	3,967	12 8	2,605	3 9	2,849	8 1
College ...	9,252	17 2	3,402	7 0	3,478	2 4	12,865	15 5	5,833	17 3	3,033	1 6
Scholarships ...	392	13 2	365	15 2	395	14 2	408	4 5	362	8 8	458	10 11
Instruction of Youth ...	311	18 10	261	12 11	268	3 9	158	9 3	154	19 5	180	8 5
Synod Fund ...	1,409	7 10	1,404	19 3	1,372	12 5	1,364	11 0	1,266	19 11	1,201	16 8
Union Thanksgiving Fund ...	—	—	—	—	232	0 0	4,118	16 4	1,384	12 0	3,302	15 6
	50,074	18 6	36,576	4 10	37,576	16 4	50,396	19 5	35,489	9 2	34,921	17 10

OVERTURE.

ON MODE OF PROCEDURE IN DEBATE.

From Presbytery of London.

1. At the College, Queen Square House, the ninth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met, and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Bruce moved as follows:—

‘That the following Overture be transmitted, viz.:—

‘It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the very Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in April next, to determine that the following words in Clause 4, Section 9, of the Standing Orders of Synod, Appendix A, Book of Order, be left out, viz.:—

“When there are only two Motions before the House, the question put to the vote shall be, Motion or Amendment? or first or second Motion? When there are more than two Motions, a vote is taken successively upon each, and unless it shall appear that one of the Motions has a clear majority of all the votes, that which had the least number shall be dropped, and a fresh vote taken upon those that remain, till only one shall be left, when the remaining Motion shall be finally put to the House as a substantive Motion.”

‘Also that the following words forming Clauses 167 and 168, Section 4, in the Book of Order, be left out, viz.:—

“When there are more than two Motions before the Court (Presbytery), the vote is taken on the several Motions successively in the order in which they were proposed, and unless it appears that one of the Motions has a clear majority of all the votes, that which has the least number is dropped, and a fresh vote taken upon those that remain, till one of them is finally carried. The Motion carried is afterwards put as a substantive Motion, the question being ‘Aye’ or ‘No,’ or ‘For’ or ‘Against.’ If there are more than three Motions, the last is put against the one immediately preceding, and so on, as stated above, till one of them is finally carried by a majority of votes in its favour.”

‘And that the following words shall be inserted in their stead respectively, viz.:—

“Whenever an Amendment is made upon any Motion, no second Amendment shall be taken into consideration until the first Amendment is disposed of. If that Amendment be carried, it shall be put as an original Motion, upon which a further Amendment may be moved. If the first Amendment be negatived, then a further Amendment may be moved to the original question, but only one Amendment shall be submitted for discussion at one time.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. D. Fotheringham.

It was moved by the Rev. Principal Chalmers, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, viz.:—

‘That the Overture be not transmitted.’

The hour for taking up the Order of the Day having come, the discussion on the Overture stood adjourned.

2. At the College, Queen Square House, the thirteenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met, and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Presbytery resumed discussion of the Overture to the Synod on the Mode of Procedure in Debate, and the vote having been taken, it was found that the transmission of the Overture was carried by a majority, and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

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1887.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Square Church, on Monday, the 25th day of April, 1887, at Six o'clock p.m.

Which time and place the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of England, and Ruling Elders, Commissioners to the Synod of said Church, appointed to be held at Manchester this day, convened; and Public Worship was conducted by the Rev. DAVID MAC EWAN, D.D., Minister at Clapham Road, London, and Moderator of the last Synod, who preached from Ecces. viii. 4, ‘Where the word of a king is, there is power.’

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Robert Brown	* T. Hunter	" Blackett Street
James Carswell, M.A.	Alexander Morrison	" Erskine
Alex. Phimister, M.A.	William Jobson	" Heaton
James G. Potter	William H. A. Marshall	" John Knox
John B. Meharry, B.A.	* James McKendrick	" St. George's
John Thompson, M.A.	John Thorburn	" Trinity
	Alexander Taylor	" Westmoreland Road
		" Worley Street
* David Tasker	* B. Brown	North Shields, Howard St.
* William T. Bankhead, M.A., B.D.	James Wait	" Northumberland Square
* John King, M.A.	James Whyte	Seaham
Thomas Robinson		Seaton Burn
John Brown	* Robert Anderson, M.D.	Seaton Delaval
Sylvester M. McClelland	James C. Stevenson, M.P.	South Shields, Laygate

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE—*continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
*Rev. William Steele, M.A. James Mackenzie, <i>Clerk</i>	*Mr. Michael Hodgson Andrew D. Reid	Sth. Shields, Mile End Rd.
*J. G. Walton, M.A., B.D.	*Andrew Whitelaw	" St. John's
*David Merson, M.A., B.D.	Robert J. Gibson	" St. Paul's
Daniel Patterson, M.A.	*Colin Gardner	Stamfordham
J. T. Middlemiss	James Maclaren	Sunderland, Millfield
J. L. Rentoul, M.A.	*Joseph Service	" N. Bridge St.
William Dryburgh, M.A., B.D.	*T. G. Green	" St. George's
*John Parker, <i>Emeritus</i> }		" St. Stephen's
John W. Ellison, M.A. }	John Porteous, jun'	" Smyrna
James S. Rae	George N. Arnison	" Trinity
Gustavus J. Goodman	G. Richardson	Swalwell
Wm. Stuart, M.A., B.D.	*John Duguid	Walker
Forrest F. Young, M.A.	James Forster	Wallsend
James Craig	George B. Bruce	Wark
	George A. Allen	Willington Quay

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William Limont	Mr. James C. Akeroyd	Alnwick, Clayport Street
*David Donaldson	James Riddell	" Lisburn Street
Robert Macnair	Alexander Lawrie	" St. James's
*Alexander Forsyth	John Bolam	Bavington
R. J. Adamson, M.A.	*William Mabon	Bedlington
*Thomas Newlands	George Waddell	Birdhopecraig
James Blythe, M.A.	J. Swanson	Branton
*William S. Spence	W. S. Wilkinson	Embleton
James Lemon	Robert Amos	Felton
*Robert H. Davidson	John Maclain	Glanton
*John Scott	*Septimus Oliver	Harbottle
*William R. Barrie		Longframlington
A. H. Drysdale, M.A.	Thomas Latimer	Morpeth
*J. W. Black	*William Buddles	Newbiggin
*Allan Wilson	*James Brown	North Middleton
George Henderson	James Ewing	North Sunderland
Robert P. Douglas	Thomas H. Robson	Otterburn
*David S. Fergus, M.A.		Thropton
William Addison	James R. Robertson	Warenford
Wm. Rogerson, <i>Clerk</i>	Patrick Neill	Warkworth
*Matthew Edwards, M.A.		Widdrington
*James L. Muirhead	Robert Lumsden	Wooler, Cheviot Street
Alexander McClellan }	James Henderson	" Tower Hill
James McLeish }	Richard Stawart	" West Chapel
*James A. Huie, <i>Emeritus</i> }		
Alexander Gregory }		

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS FROM THE UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

*Rev. Professor Duff, LL.D., <i>Moderator</i>	*Rev. A. Carter, M.A.
*Robert S. Scott, D.D.	Mr. John Polson
*Robert Rutherford, M.A.	James Greer
John Smith, M.A.	*Robert Heggie
Robert Cameron	*J. H. Meikle, M.D.
William Clark, M.A.	*Alexander Macdonald, <i>Elders</i>
William Salmond	
*George Lambert, <i>Ministers</i>	

Note A.—The Places in *italics* in the preceding Roll are Preaching Stations.

Note B.—Members, whose names have an asterisk (*) prefixed, not having given in Attendance Cards, there is no record of their having been present at the Synod.

The Clerk reported that he had received 250 Elders' Commissions, and that they are all in regular form. Elders' Commissions.

The Synod receive the Report, and sustain all the Commissions.

The Rev. Dr. MacEwan reported, in behalf of the Board of Nomination, that the Board met in the month of November, and unanimously nominated the Rev. William Sutherland Swanson, Missionary from Amoy, to be the Moderator of this Synod. Moderator appointed.

The Synod cordially confirmed the nomination, and Mr. Swanson, by desire of the House, took the Chair, and delivered a suitable address.

The Standing Orders of last Synod were adopted, and were held as read. Standing Orders.

The Synod called for the Report of the Ministerial Changes that have taken place during the past Synodical year, which Report was given in by the Clerk. Ministerial Changes.

The Synod receive the Report, and order that it be preserved along with the other Reports received by the House.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Rev. Dr. MacEwan for his conduct in the Chair at the last meeting of Synod, and for the Sermon he has this evening delivered. Thanks.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Bills and Business, which Committee was appointed by last Synod, as follows:— Bills and Business.

Ministers—Revs. Dr. Dykes, Dr. MacEwan, John Bogue, James Mackenzie, R. H. Lundie, William Hutton, William Rogerson, J. T. McGaw, John Reid, senr., William Young. *Elders*—Messrs. George B. Bruce, H. M. Matheson, George Duncan, Robert Wales, Samuel Stitt, R. T. Turnbull, John A. Beith, Alexander Guthrie, George B. Blair. With twenty-two Presbytery Representatives, and with the General Secretary, and the Clerk of Synod. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. Fraser.

NOTE.—The Representatives appointed by Presbyteries are:—

Ministers—Revs. Joseph Rorke, John Brown (Silloth), T. Howell, Robert Duff, J. Macmurchy, T. Campbell, W. Dryburgh, J. Lemon, D. R. Cowan, W. Dale, W. M. Macphail, W. Ballantyne, W. H. Elliot, John Gordon. *Elders*—Messrs. T. P. Dods, R. J. Gibson, John Bolam, Charles Kynoch, John Hume, A. M. Fraser. The Report was submitted by Dr. Fraser, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve to take up the Roll of Business, as far as submitted, in the order therein suggested.

Queen's
Jubilee.

The Synod, recognising the joyous fact that Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria has now attained the fiftieth year of her accession to the throne of the British Empire, resolve to cordially congratulate Her Majesty on this auspicious occasion, and appoint a Committee, to be nominated by the Selection Committee, to prepare a loyal and dutiful Address to be presented to the Queen in connection with her Jubilee, and to report.

Committees.

The Synod appointed the following Committees :—

I.—Committee on Commissions and Records.

Ministers—Revs. A. L. Henderson, John Robertson (Burton), Dr. Nicolson, Joseph Wood, R. W. R. Rentoul, Dr. MacLeod, George Lewis, Dr. Howat, Robert Duff, William Fraser, Dr. Morison, John Reid, junr., John Robertson (Manchester), James Brown, W. Rigby Murray, James Lees, John B. Hastings, A. H. Drysdale. *Elders*—Messrs. James Byers, James Goodman, W. Carruthers, T. W. Thacker, Rev. Dr. Kennedy Moore, Messrs. Robert Barclay, John Muir, James R. Robertson, Francis Christall, Alexander Armour, Dr. Robert Pringle, John Leggat, James Menzies, Charles Macdonald, Adam Hogg, Thomas Hall, H. B. Livingston, Thomas Matheson, James Halliday, James Robb. *Convener*—Rev. William Fraser. *Clerk*—Mr. James Halliday.

II.—Selection Committee.

Nominated by Presbyteries.—*Ministers*—Revs. James S. Rae, C. Friskin, W. A. Walton, Robert Cowan, James Lees, William Rogerson. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Bell.

Conveners of Standing Committees.—*Ministers*—Revs. Dr. Fraser, Dr. MacEwan, Dr. Edmond, Robert H. Lundie, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Murphy, Dr. Muir, James Christie, Dr. McCaw. *Elders*—Messrs. George B. Bruce, Hugh M. Matheson, Robert Wales, Dr. Levi, T. W. Thacker, George Duncan. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. Muir. *Clerk*—Mr. Thomas Bell.

Applications.

The Synod took up Applications: From the Presbytery of Birmingham in behalf of the Rev. Joseph Hamilton and the Rev. W. Deans Cowan, to the effect that they be received into the Ministry of this Church; from the Presbytery of London, in behalf of Mr. D. Sutherland and Mr. W. B. Cooper, Probationers, to the effect that they be received as Licentiates of this Church, and their names placed on Roll A of Probationers; from the Presbytery of Liverpool, in behalf of the Rev

W. J. Maxwell, to the effect that he be admitted to the Ministry of this Church; and from the Presbytery of Darlington, in favour of the Rev. James Douglas, to the effect that he be henceforth recognised as a Minister *Emeritus*.

The Synod receive these several Applications, and remit them to a Committee to be named by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider them and report.

The Synod took up a Letter from the Rev. John Henshelwood in reference to the deliverance of last Synod regarding his case.

The Synod receive the Letter, and remit it to a Committee to be named by the Selection Committee, that they may consider it and report.

The Synod took up an Application from the Presbytery of London, in reference to the Congregation of Silvertown, to the effect that they receive a special grant from the Home Mission Fund in aid of the extinction of their debt.

The Synod receive the Application, and remit it to a Special Committee, to be nominated by the Selection Committee, to consider it and report.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London, *Overture.* with reference to a Bill before the House of Commons to amend the law for the celebration of marriages in England and Wales.

The Overture having been read, was supported by the Rev. Dr. Fraser.

The Synod receive the Overture, and remit it to a Committee, to be named by the Selection Committee, to consider the Bill and report.

There was laid on the table the draft of a Pastoral Letter on the subject of Christian Giving, to be issued by the Synod to the Congregations of the Church. *Pastoral Letter.*

The Synod receive and approve the draft, and order that it be printed, that it be read from our pulpits on the Second Sabbath of May, and that copies be provided for distribution amongst the members and families of our several Congregations.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and thereafter for ordinary business; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Tuesday,
April 26th.

*At Manchester, and within Grosvenor
Square Church, on Tuesday, the
26th day of April, 1887, at Ten
o'clock a.m.*

Constituted. The Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Lord's Supper. The Synod proceeded to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, the Moderator conducting the Service, assisted by the Rev. Dr. J. Monro Gibson, Rev. William Clark (Glasgow), Rev. John Selater, and Rev. H. L. Mackenzie.

Business. The solemn service being concluded, the Synod proceeded with its ordinary business.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of last evening's Sederunt were laid on the table, were held as read, and were sustained.

Corresponding Members. The Synod proceeded to receive the Corresponding Members from the United Presbyterian Synod, when it was found that the following brethren were commissioned by that Synod, namely:—Professor Duff, LL.D., Moderator of Synod; Robert S. Scott, D.D.; Robert Rutherford, M.A., Edinburgh; John Smith, M.A., Edinburgh; Robert Cameron, Glasgow (North); William Clark, M.A., Glasgow (South); William Salmond, Loanends, Ireland; George Lambert, Annandale, *Ministers*; with Rev. A. Carter, M.A., Stirling; Messrs. John Polson, Paisley; James Greer, Glasgow; Robert Heggie, Kirkcaldy; T. H. Meikle, M.D., Perth; Alexander Macdonald, Dumbarton, *Elders*.

Those of the brethren who were present were cordially welcomed by the Moderator; and the Revs. William Clark, Robert Cameron, and John Smith suitably responded.

Business Committee. The Business Committee submitted a supplementary Report, which the Synod received and adopted.

Selection Committee. The Synod called for the Report of the Selection Committee, which was given in by Mr. Thomas Bell, *Clerk*.

The Synod receive the Report, and according to its recommendations, appoint the following Committees, as authorised at last evening's Sederunt, namely:—

1. In regard to the Queen's Jubilee : Revs. Dr. Fraser, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Edmond; with Messrs. H. M. Matheson, J. C. Stevenson, M.P., Samuel Stitt, and John A. Beith. Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener.

2. On Applications from Persons : Revs. J. T. McGaw, W. A. Walton, J. D. Watters, J. S. Cockburn, William Hutton, Robert Macnair; with Messrs. Thomas Matheson, John Muir, John Hume, Charles R. Bell, W. S. Wilkinson, and John Watt. Rev. J. T. McGaw, Convener.

3. On Application from Silvertown : Revs. R. H. Lundie, David Fotheringham, John Thompson, Benjamin Bell, Thomas Howell, Alexander F. Douglas; with Messrs. Thomas Bell, George Hetherington, Alexander Lawrie, Robert Barclay, Charles Macdonald, James Wait. Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener.

4. On Letter from Rev. John Henshelwood : Revs. Dr. MacEwan, James Mackenzie, William Hutton, William Limont, Robert Cowan; with Messrs. A. M. Fraser, R. T. Turnbull, Thomas S. Dods, Allan Weir, Robert Amos. Rev. Dr. MacEwan, Convener.

5. On the Marriage Bill : Revs. Dr. Fraser, Dr. Grosart, T. Boston Johnstone, James Christie, W. Rogerson, George Johnstone; with Messrs. J. C. Stevenson, G. B. Burn, Robert Whyte, T. W. Thacker, George Bell, W. J. Brown. Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener.

The Synod took up the case of a Petition from the Rev. George Mole in regard to his status on the Probationers' Roll. Rev. G. Mole.

The Synod receive the Petition, and remit it to the Committee No. 2 in the preceding list, with instructions, if they deem it meet, to confer in regard to it with the Presbytery of Newcastle, and to report.

The Synod took up the case of a Complaint against a judgment of the Newcastle Presbytery in the matter of the proposed resignation of the Rev. James Craig, of Blyth. Complaint.

The Synod receive the Complaint, and reserving the rights of parties concerned—they remit it to the Committee No. 4 in the preceding list, omitting the names therein of members of the Newcastle Presbytery, and adding the names of the Rev. John Black and Mr. Robert Wales, with instructions to consider it, and report.

The Report of the Home Mission Committee was submitted by Mr. George B. Bruce, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject. Home Mission.

The Synod receive the Report.

Conference.

The Synod resolved itself into a Conference on the State of Religion as it is brought out in the Reports of the Synod's Deputies for the past year.

The Conference was addressed by the Rev. Robert Taylor, Rev. John Bogue, Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson, Mr. Thomas Matheson, Rev. Francis Slade, Rev. William Fraser, Rev. R. H. Lundie, Rev. H. L. Mackenzie, Rev. John Reid, sen., and Mr. Robert Thomson.

During the progress of the Conference the Synod engaged in prayer, the devotions of the brethren being led by the Rev. Robert Cameron, Glasgow.

Synod resumed.

After continuing in Conference for one hour, the Synod resumed in Court.

Synod Deputies.

The Synod proceeded to appoint as their Deputies for the ensuing year the following brethren, namely: The Revs. John Thompson, John Bogue, John Watson, Dr. James Muir, John Sclater, *Ministers*; with Dr. Maclagan, and Messrs. James A. Watson, Thomas Matheson, T. P. Dods, and John Gunn, *Ruling Elders*; and resolved that the Northern Section of the Presbytery of London be visited in the course of this Synodical year.

The Deputies appeared before the Synod, were addressed by the Moderator, and solemnly set apart to their Mission by prayer—the Rev. Dr. Grosart leading the devotions of the Synod.

Home Mission Resolutions.

In connection with the Home Mission Report, the Synod resolve:—

1st. That the alterations in the Rules for the Organisation of Committee and District Boards and for the Administration of the Funds, as set forth on pages 35 and 36 of the Reports of Committees presented to this Synod, be adopted.

2nd. ON THE ORDINATION OF HOME MISSIONARIES.—That having regard to the fact that the Reports of Presbyteries indicate that no sufficient agreement of opinion upon this question has yet been reached to insure a satisfactory settlement of it at this Synod, Refer the whole matter back to the Committee, with instructions—

(1) To inquire carefully into the spiritual needs of those large classes which habitually absent themselves from public worship, the claim they possess upon this Church, and her duty in regard to them.

(2) To investigate existing methods of Home Mission work among such classes, and how these can be rendered more efficient, giving fur-

ther consideration in this connection to the proposal to confer ordination, under judicious regulations, upon agents employed in this service.

(3) To receive and consider likely suggestions as to fresh lines on which work of this description may be wisely undertaken, whether by the Synod, by Presbyteries, or by Congregations, with authority, if it see cause, to submit to Presbyteries any definite plans in time for their opinion thereon, to be reported upon by the Committee to next Synod :

And to report.

Exception having been taken to certain statements made by the Crookham. Synod's Deputies who visited the Congregation of Crookham, in their Report of their visit which appears in the Reports of Committees, the Synod, after consideration, resolve that the Home Mission Committee, or its Executive, be authorised, after conferring with the Synod Deputies, to make any modification that may seem necessary in the terms in which the Report referring to Crookham shall appear in the permanent Blue Book.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Home Missions Committee Woolston. regarding an Application from Woolston Congregation in circumstances not provided for under any of the existing Rules.

The Reference having been stated by the Rev. William Fraser, the Synod resolved that the Reference be sustained, and that in view of the circumstances stated, the Southern District Home Mission Board be authorised to give an exceptional grant in favour of the vacant change at Woolston in the Presbytery of London.

The Report of the Jewish Mission Committee was given in by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject. Jewish
Mission.

On his motion—The Synod acknowledged with devout thankfulness the encouraging measure of blessing which has attended the labours of our Missionary and his Assistant in London during the past year, gratefully owning the Divine goodness in the sustaining of the health and strength which have enabled them to prosecute with unbroken continuance their varied and arduous work. The Synod also record their deep sense of God's favour shown in the auspicious entrance on His healing work, vouchsafed to our Medical Missionary in Rabat, and trust that the confidence which he has already won in the community may open the way for the direct efforts which on acquisition of the necessary languages he hopes to make for spreading the knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Synod earnestly commend the whole Mission

at home and abroad, to the continued and growing interest and support of the Churches.

Adjournment The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at six o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

Tuesday,
April 26th.

*At Manchester, and within Grosvenor
Square Church, on Tuesday, the
26th day of April, 1887, at Six
o'clock p.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Foreign
Missions.

The Synod called for the Report of the Foreign Missions Committee, which was submitted by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

On his motion—The Synod receive the Report and rejoice in the continued prosperity of the mission in China, and the steady advance made by the native Church there in all the elements of stability and usefulness; they note with special thankfulness the manifestations of missionary zeal displayed by the native Church in voluntarily initiating further important evangelistic enterprises at their own charges.

The Synod record with deep gratitude to God the provision of the necessary funds, which have enabled the Committee, previously very anxious on the subject, to close the year with a surplus.

The Synod commend the Missions both in China and in India to the sympathy, the prayers, and the liberality of the Church.

The Synod record the profound regret with which they have heard of the death of Mr. George F. Barbour, of Bonskeid, the President of the Scottish Association for the China Mission, and their high appreciation of the devotedness with which he laboured during many years for the advancement of the Mission, and his loving sympathy with the Missionaries. The Synod express their sincere condolence with Mrs. Barbour and the members of the family.

The question of the status of Medical and other Non-Ministerial Missionaries having been raised in the Committee, and referred for the

decision of the Synod, it was agreed that a Special Committee, to be named by the Selection Committee, be appointed to give consideration to the subject, and to report to next Synod.

Attention having been called to the fact that the Foreign Missions Committee have been retaining the Church's esteemed Senior Missionary from Amoy in the discharge of important Missionary work at home—the Synod record their entire approval of the Committee's action in so doing in the past, and their cordial sanction of their continuing to do so in the future.

The Synod resolved itself into its Annual Missionary Meeting, the Moderator occupying the chair. Missionary Meeting.

The Meeting was addressed by the Rev. Theodore Meyer on the work of the Church's Mission amongst Jews in London. Addresses.

There was read a deeply-interesting Letter addressed by the Native Presbytery of Amoy to this Synod, expressive of the Presbytery's earnest gratitude to this Church, and especially to the Church's Divine Head for the Mission to China; of the manifold blessings that have resulted from the Mission already; and their bright hopes that these blessings are only a foretaste of what is to be expected from the Lord in the future. Letter from Presbytery of Amoy.

The Meeting was addressed by the Rev. H. L. Mackenzie, of Swatow, on the work of the Lord in that district of China.

The Rev. D. McIver, Missionary from the Hak-ka Country, addressed the meeting on the work of the Mission amongst the people of that region of China; and the Rev. W. Campbell, on the Church's Missionary work in the Island of Formosa.

The Meeting was addressed by the Rev. John Smith, of Edinburgh, on Home Mission work.

The admirable addresses were interspersed with Services of Praise, and were listened to with intense interest, not only by the members of Synod, but also by a large and appreciative audience.

The Missionary Meeting having come to an end, the Synod resumed Synod resume. in Court, and proceeded with its stated business.

The Synod resolved to place on record the deep satisfaction and delight with which they have received the letter from the Native Presbytery of Amoy, and the cordiality with which they reciprocate the Letter from Amoy.

sentiments of brotherly affection it contains; and appointed a Committee, consisting of the Moderator and the Office-bearers of the Foreign Missions Committee, to prepare and despatch to the brethren at Amoy a suitable reply.

Presbyteries. The Clerks of the Birmingham, Newcastle, and Northumberland Presbyteries requested, and the Synod granted, leave for those Presbyteries respectively to meet during the interval between Sederunts of Synod.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Wednesday,
April 27th.

*At Manchester, and within Grosvenor
Square Church, on Wednesday, the
27th day of April, 1887, at Ten
o'clock a.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were laid on the table, held as read, and were sustained.

Business Committee. The Business Committee submitted an additional Report, which the Synod accepted, resolving to take up the business in the order therein indicated.

In connection therewith the Committee submitted the question to the House, whether an opportunity should be given *ex gratia* to the Rev. Dr. Symington to bring before the Synod the Motion in regard to Christian Giving, of which he has given notice.

It was moved and seconded—That this opportunity be given.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment—That such opportunity be not in present circumstances granted.

The Synod went to the vote, when it was found that a majority voted for the Amendment, wherefore the Amendment became the finding of the Synod.

Treasurership. The Synod called for the Report of the Treasurership Committee,

which was given in by Mr. George Duncan, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

On his motion—The Synod receive the Report; put on record their deep sense of the Divine goodness and of the liberality of the people, as shown in the present position of the majority of the Funds, notwithstanding the continued commercial depression; express their satisfaction in the evidence of growing interest in the work of the Church furnished by the steady improvement in the number of Collections taken for the various Church Schemes; authorise the throwing open of the Hymn Book accounts for the inspection of any Office-bearer of the Church who may wish to consult them; and appoint the Assessment for the Synod Fund in 1888 at 14s. 6d. on Membership and revenue, as follows, namely:—

	£	s.	d.
Presbytery of Berwick . . .	56	0	0
„ Birmingham . . .	42	0	0
„ Bristol . . .	45	0	0
„ Carlisle . . .	40	0	0
„ Darlington . . .	63	0	0
„ Liverpool . . .	245	0	0
„ London . . .	538	0	0
„ Manchester . . .	155	0	0
„ Newcastle . . .	209	0	0
„ Northumberland . . .	60	0	0
	<u>£1,453</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The Report of the Publications Committee was submitted by Mr. Publications, T. W. Thacker, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

It was moved and seconded:—

First Motion.

That the Report be accepted. That it be an instruction from the Synod to the Committee that the experience gained be carefully kept in mind, that the future may show a satisfactory result. And as to the state of the affairs that the accrued profits of the Hymn Book be considered an asset of the Publications Committee to the extent of £1,000, to be issued as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
To replace the deficiency . . .	335	11	2
To repay Loan had from Bankers . . .	500	0	0
To meet any excess in deficiency . . .	164	8	10
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Second
Motion.

It was moved and seconded, as a second Motion : Considering the want of financial success which has attended the Publications Committee, the Synod, whilst agreeing to a payment to cover the present deficiency, consider it undesirable to grant the loan of £500, and instruct the Committee to make arrangements by which such publications as they think should be continued may be published by some well-known and respectable publishers.

Congrega-
tionalist
Deputation.

Inasmuch as there was a Special Order of the Day for 12 o'clock, the discussion was interrupted at this stage, and the Synod proceeded to receive a Deputation from the Manchester, Salford, and District Congregational Ministers' and Deacons' Association.

There appeared before the Synod a large number of Ministers and Deacons representing the Association.

An Address of Welcome to the Synod was read by the Rev. John W. Kiddle, Chairman of the Association.

The Synod was addressed successively by the Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D., the Rev. J. A. Macfadyen, D.D., and the Rev. A. Mackennal, D.D., Chairman of the Congregational Union, in terms of brotherly kindness and affection.

The Moderator conveyed to the Deputation the hearty thanks of the Synod for their presence and for the admirable addresses that had been delivered, and in the name of the Synod cordially reciprocated their sentiments of Christian regard.

The Moderator gave to the members of the Deputation the right hand of fellowship, and the proceedings thereof came to an end.

Publications.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Publications Committee.

Third Motion.

It was moved and seconded, as a Third Motion : Receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee. Refer the questions raised to a Committee consisting of the members of the Publications Committee, with the addition of ten members to be named by the Selection Committee.

Fourth
Motion.

It was moved and seconded, as a Fourth Motion : The Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee.

Decline to devote money to the maintenance of a Bookselling business and instruct the Committee to wind up the present business in the way which may seem to them to involve the least loss.

Further instruct the Committee to issue such publications as the

Synod may hereafter direct, and to make the most efficient arrangements that they can for this end.

After consideration, the Synod proceeded to take the sense of the Finding. House. The movers and seconders of the second and third motions, with consent of the House, withdrew the same. A vote was taken by a show of hands between the first and the fourth motions, when it was found that for the fourth motion there were 143 votes, and for the first 110. Whereupon the fourth motion became the finding of the Synod.

Further, the Synod resolve that the deficiency in the accounts of the Committee be referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report on Friday morning—the names of the Committee to be suggested by the Selection Committee.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock; Adjournment. whereof public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Wednesday,
Square Church, on Wednesday, the April 27th.
27th day of April, 1887, at Six
o'clock p.m.

The Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional Constituted. exercises.

The Business Committee submitted a supplementary Report, which Business Committee. the Synod received and adopted.

The Selection Committee submitted the names of the Committee Selection Committee. appointed at last Sederunt in connection with the deliverance on the Publications Committee's Report, namely:—Messrs. George Duncan, Thomas Bell, Samuel Stitt, John A. Beith, J. C. Stevenson, M.P., Alexander Armour, Robert Wales, R. T. Turnbull, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Murphy, Dr. J. M. Gibson, T. W. Thacker, W. Carruthers; Convener, Mr. James C. Stevenson.

The Synod receive the Report, and appoint the Committee as indicated.

Temperance.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Temperance which was given in by Mr. Robert Wales, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

On his motion, the Synod receive the Report. Express gratification with the measure of interest that exists throughout the Church in Temperance work, and again commend the matter to the fostering care of Presbyteries and Sessions.

Sunday
Closing.

The Synod resolved to petition the Commons House of Parliament in favour of the Bill now on the table of the House to secure the Closing of Public Houses in England during the whole of the Lord's Day.

A draft of Petition was read, which the Synod adopted, authorising the Moderator to sign it in name of the Synod, and instructing that it be presented to the House of Commons through Mr. James C. Stevenson, M.P. for South Shields, and member of this House.

Intercourse.

The Report of the Committee on Intercourse with other Churches was given in by the Rev. Robert H. Lundie, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report. They rejoice to hear good tidings from the Continental Churches, and express their fraternal sympathy with those who are nobly struggling to maintain the truth amid error and opposition.

The Synod convey their warm congratulations to the Christian Missionary Church of Belgium on the completion of the fiftieth year of their existence as a Church: they trust that the impending celebration of their Jubilee may be a season of joy and refreshment; and they join with their Belgian brethren in the expression of their high admiration of the fidelity and zeal of the lamented Léonard Anet, who so nobly devoted his life and his substance to the founding and fostering of their Church.

The Synod continue to regard with deep interest the negotiations for union between the Waldensian Church and the Free Church of Italy, and trust that these negotiations may be crowned with speedy and complete success.

The Synod regard with satisfaction the state of the negotiations between this Church and the Free Church of Scotland on the question of Federal Relations, and await with interest the decision of the General Assembly of the Free Church.

The Synod rejoice in the general acceptance by the Welsh Calvinistic

Methodist Assembly of the Suggestions in reference to the Federal Relations between the two Churches, which were generally approved by the last Synod of this Church.

They resolve, in accordance with said Suggestions, to appoint meanwhile four corresponding members to attend the General Assembly of the Welsh Church to be holden in Liverpool on the 24th day of May, 1887, with instructions to convey the above Resolution to said Assembly, with the assurance of their fraternal esteem and affection, and the expression of the hope that the close relations now established between the two Churches may, with the Divine blessing, result in great good to both. And they empower the Intercourse Committee to confer with any Committee which may be appointed for the purpose by the Welsh Church, on questions affecting their mutual relations, such as the Federal Council.

The Synod instruct the Corresponding Members who shall be sent to the United Presbyterian Synod to inform that Church of the state of the negotiations with the Free Church of Scotland and with the Welsh Presbyterian Church, and to suggest the appointment by the United Presbyterian Church of a Committee to confer with the Intercourse Committee in regard to any questions that may emerge affecting the existing relations between the two Churches now federated.

The Synod express their satisfaction that in the past year an increased number of congregations have contributed to Continental Missions, and earnestly hope for a much larger increase in the coming year.

The Synod resolve to send Deputies to the Synod of the Church of Scotland in England, with the expression of their fraternal regard,—the Selection Committee to nominate the Deputies.

Then was read a Letter from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, in the name of the Assembly, Letter from Irish Assembly. expressive of their lively interest in the work of this Church, and of their thankfulness for the sympathy and support thereof in the position of peril and difficulty in which they are placed.

The Synod receive the Letter with much satisfaction, and instruct the Deputation which is to visit the Assembly to assure them that this Church cordially reciprocates their sentiments of brotherly affection, and continues to pray for their progress and prosperity.

The Synod proceeded to receive the Deputation from the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland. Deputation from Free Church.

There was laid on the table and read an Extract Minute from the Records of the Assembly Arrangements Committee, appointing, by order of Assembly, as the Deputation to this Synod, the Rev. David Brown, D.D., Principal of the Free Church College, Aberdeen; and the Rev. Andrew Melville, M.A., Glasgow, Ministers; and Mr. George Watson, Advocate, Edinburgh, Ruling Elder.

All these brethren being present successively addressed the Synod.

The Moderator conveyed the Synod's cordial thanks to the Deputation, and assured them of the unabated interest of this Church in all that concerns the well-being of the Free Church of Scotland.

It was intimated that Commissions had been received from the General Assembly of the Calvinistic Methodist Church in Wales, and the Synod of the Union of the Free Churches of France, appointing Deputations to this Synod; but that the Deputies found it impossible to attend.

Publications. The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Publications Committee.

Motion. It was moved and seconded: The Synod authorise the Publications Committee to continue the Weekly and Monthly Messengers and the 'Children's Messenger' on the present basis, and instruct the Committee, already appointed, to consider how the amount of debt already incurred, and the amount necessary for maintaining them during the next Eighteen Months, may best be provided, and to report.

Amendment. It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment: Agree to discontinue the weekly publication of the 'Presbyterian' but improve the Monthly issue, and urge the people of our Churches to introduce this into every Congregation.

Finding. The Synod proceeded to take the Vote, when it was found that there voted for the Motion, 73, and for the Amendment, 48. The Motion therefore became the finding of the Synod.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; whereof public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Thursday,
Square Church, on Thursday, the April 28th.
28th day of April, 1887, at Ten
o'clock a.m.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was consti- Constituted.
 tuted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were laid on the table, held as Minutes
 read, and were sustained. sustained.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics, Statistics.
 which, in the absence of Dr. Leone Levi, Convener, was submitted by
 Mr. Robert Wales.

On his motion, the Synod receive the Report, with special thanks to
 the Convener, Dr. Leone Levi, who for the long period of twenty-one
 years has rendered faithful and efficient service to the Church in the
 important department of statistics.

There was presented to the Synod by the Rev. S. D. Scammell a Present to
 volume of which he is the author, entitled 'Jubilee and Bicentenary Synod.
 Memorial of the Old Stafford Meeting-House.'

The Synod receive Mr. Scammell's present with satisfaction, and
 tender him their best thanks.

The Report of the Committee on Public Praise was given in by the Public Praise.
 Rev. Dr. Murphy, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

On his motion, the Synod resolve that the Report be adopted, and
 that Clerks and Corresponding Members of Presbyteries be requested
 to bring the subject of improvement in public praise at an early period
 before their respective Presbyteries, as well as the congregations within
 their bounds, and report the result of their inquiries to the Convener of
 Public Praise Committee on or before November 1st.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Ministerial Ministerial
 Support, which was submitted by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, one of the Support.
 Joint Conveners, who addressed the House on the subject.

On his motion, the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee, and resolve as follows:—

I.—SUSTENTATION FUND.

While thankful that the Equal Dividend of £200 has been sustained, regard with some concern the fact that this has involved an encroachment, however small, on the Reserve. Regret to learn that the support furnished by aid-giving congregations continues to decline. Earnestly call on those congregations to be faithful and loyal in the maintenance of this great Central Fund, and to make, wherever practicable, a substantial advance in their contributions.

Until such advance has begun to appear, instruct the Committee to receive no new congregation as aid receiving.

Approve of the allocation of the bequest from the late Miss Mary Barbour in a manner suggested by the Committee.

II.—AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

Approve of the steps which have been taken to excite interest in the Fund throughout the Church, and to obtain Subscriptions in the various Presbyteries for present exigencies. Recommend the needed increase of the Capital to the generous consideration of those members of the Church who devise liberal things.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Recognise the great benefits which the Fund confers; and in view of the rapid increase in the number of its annuitants, commend it to the watchful care of the Committee.

Overture.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Manchester, on the subject of the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.

The Overture having been read, was supported by the Rev. J. T. McGaw.

It was moved and seconded: Remit the Overture from the Presbytery of Manchester in reference to the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund to a Special Committee to consider the matter, and to report to the next meeting of Synod the method which they may judge best for making the Fund effectual and sufficient.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment: That it be an instruction to the Committee to take steps at once to increase substantially the Capital of the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.

The Synod proceeded to the vote—the state thereof being Motion or Amendment—when it was found that a majority voted for the Motion, therefore the Synod decided in terms of the Motion.

The Synod resolved that the next meeting of the Synod be held in Westmoreland Road Church, Newcastle, on the last Monday of April, 1888, at Six o'clock p.m.,—the Presbytery of Newcastle to make the necessary arrangements. Next Meeting
of Synod.

The Synod proceeded to elect six Delegates, three Ministers and three Elders, to the Fourth General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, to be held in London from the 25th June till the 5th July, 1888. The election was made by ballot; balloting papers were distributed among the members of Synod; four Scrutineers were appointed, and on their report it was found that the three Ministers having the highest number of votes were: The Moderator of 1888, Rev. Dr. Dykes, and the Rev. W. S. Swanson; and the three Elders were: Mr. G. B. Bruce, Mr. James C. Stevenson, M.P., and Mr. Samuel Stitt. Delegates.

These brethren were accordingly appointed the Synod's Delegates to the Fourth Council.

By direction of the Synod the Scrutineers registered the names of the three Ministers and three Elders, standing next in order to the first three; enclosed these in a sealed envelope, which the Synod placed in the Clerk's hands, with instructions that should any one of the delegates chosen be unable to attend, his place shall be filled by one selected in order from the second list. Alternates.

The Synod called for the Report of the College Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener. College.

On his motion the Synod resolved that the Report now submitted be received; but that, previous to any decision on its recommendations being arrived at, the Synod enter into private conference on the whole position and prospects of the College, but especially in regard to its finance.

The Synod accordingly resolved itself into a conference on the position and prospects of the College. Conference.

The Conference was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Rev. Robert H. Lundie, Rev. Robert Taylor, Rev. A. L. Henderson, Rev. J. B.

Meharry, Rev. J. Reid Howat, Mr. Robert Whyte, Rev. W. H. Elliot, and Mr. A. Armour.

Synod resumes. The Conference having come to an end, the Synod resumed in Court.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday,
April 28th.

*At Manchester, and within Grosvenor
Square Church, on Thursday, the
28th day of April, 1887, at Six
o'clock p.m.*

Constituted. The Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Business. The Business Committee submitted, through its Convener, a final Report, which the Synod received and adopted.

Confession of Faith. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Church's Relation to the Confession of Faith, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

On his motion, the Synod resolve :

1. That the Report be received with thanks to the Committee for their diligence.

2. That the Synod express their satisfaction at the large amount of acceptance which the Draft of a 'Declaratory Statement,' approved by last Synod, has since received throughout the Church, as indicated by the approval of all the Presbyteries and of one hundred and thirty-one out of one hundred and sixty-four Sessions from which returns have come in.

3. That, inasmuch as the Committee has not had time to consider either the suggestions for its amendment made by Sessions or the opinion obtained from Counsel, as to the legal bearings of its adoption, the Synod regret that they are not in a position for arriving at a final decision as to the adoption of said 'Statement;' but reappoint the

Committee, remitting the whole matter to it for mature consideration, with instructions to report as fully as possible at next Synod.

4. That the Committee be instructed to proceed with all convenient speed to complete its preparation of a 'Compendium of Doctrine.'

5. That having regard to the value of the information already collected with respect to the Trusts under which congregational property is held, the Synod instruct this Committee, in conjunction with that on Law and Historical Documents, to prosecute its inquiries with a view to present to a subsequent Synod a complete return upon this point.

It having transpired that the Rev. W. James, B.A., of Manchester, ^{Welsh Deputy.} one of the Deputies from the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church unable to be present at last evening's Sederunt, was present in the House, the Synod requested from him an address.

Mr. James accordingly addressed the House, conveying the salutations and sympathies of his Church to this.

The Moderator, in name of the Synod, cordially thanked the Deputy, and assured his Church of the Christian regard and affection of the Presbyterian Church of England.

The Report of the Committee on a Directory of Public Worship was ^{Public Worship.} given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

The Synod on his motion :—

Receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee.

Reappoint the Committee with additional names (to be suggested by the Selection Committee), and under the same instructions as before.

The Report of the Committee on the Instruction of Youth was sub- ^{Instruction of Youth.} mitted by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, and the Supplementary Report by the Rev. Peter Carmichael, Vice-Convener.

It was moved and seconded :

Motion.

1. That the Synod receive and adopt the Report, with thanks to the Committee, and especially to those brethren who have assisted the Committee as Examiners and otherwise, for their diligence in furthering religious education among the junior members of the Church.

2. That the Synod approve of the proposal to alter the date of the Annual Collection to the third Lord's Day in October of each year, with a view to that date being observed as widely as possible as the

‘Children’s Day ;’ recommend Ministers and Sessions to devote that day mainly to the welfare of the young under their charge, with earnest prayer for the Divine blessing ; and urge that in every congregation the whole, or at least a part of, a public collection on that occasion be set apart for the funds of this Committee.

3. That the Synod acknowledge with devout gratitude the untiring labours of a numerous band of voluntary teachers in the Sunday Schools of this Church ; urge upon them anew the duty of carefully preparing themselves for the proper discharge of this sacred service to the Master ; recommend with this object the formation, at every suitable centre of population, of Training Classes for Teachers ; and approve of the conditions under which the Committee proposes to examine candidates on the Art of Teaching as well as to grant Teachers’ Certificates.

4. That the Synod sanction the Syllabus submitted for ‘Higher Instruction’ Study during next season, record its thanks to Professor Elmslie on his retirement from the Board of Examiners for his valuable services as its first Chairman, resolve that his successor shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board during his tenure of the Chair ; and appoint to the vacant seat on the Board the Rev. J. D. Watters, M.A.

5. That the Synod authorise the Committee in future to fix at its July meeting the annual grants in aid to assisted Day Schools, having regard in doing so to the efficiency of such Schools as certified in the Reports of H. M. Inspectors, as well as to local requirements and the interests of those congregations to which such Schools belong.

6. Finally, that the Synod, cherishing a profound concern for the spiritual welfare of the young, and for their thorough training in Scriptural Knowledge, instruct this Committee to prosecute with unabated diligence every plan hitherto set in operation with this object in view, as well as to inquire carefully what fresh methods may with advantage be attempted.

Amendment.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment : Approve the Report, with the omission of the following words at the end of Clause 3—‘as well as to grant Teachers’ Certificates.’ The Synod remit this subject for the further consideration of the Instruction Committee.

Finding.

The Synod proceeded to the vote—the State thereof being Motion or Amendment—the vote was taken by a show of hands, and it was found that the Motion was carried by a majority. Wherefore, the Synod resolve in terms of the Motion.

In connection with the deliverance of the Synod at the third ^{Sede-} Motion.
 runt on the Home Services of the Senior Missionary from Amoy, it was
 moved and seconded, in accordance with Notice of Motion given :
 That it be an instruction to the Foreign Missions Committee to consider
 whether any (and if so what) arrangements may require to be made in
 regard to the resolution of Synod on Tuesday Evening in connection
 with the retention of the Church's esteemed Senior Missionary from
 Amoy for important work at home, and to report to next Synod.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment : The previous ques- ^{Amendment.}
 tion.

The Synod proceeded to the Vote, taking it by a show of hands,
 when it was found that the Amendment was carried by a large majority.
 Wherefore the Synod resolved in accordance with the Amendment.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Berwick Presbytery, and ^{Sabbath}
 also one from the Presbytery of London, on Sabbath Observance. ^{Observance.}

The Overtures being held as read, were supported by Rev. A. Walton
 and Mr. Robert Wales.

The Synod receive and adopt the Overtures, and appoint a Com-
 mittee—to be nominated by the Selection Committee—to take action
 in the spirit thereof.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London on ^{Opium}
 the Opium Traffic. ^{Traffic.}

The Overture being held as read, was supported by the Rev. Dr.
 Moore.

The Synod receive the Overture, and desire to express their profound
 conviction that the traffic in opium carried on between our Indian
 Empire and China is inconsistent with those Christian principles which
 ought to regulate the public action of this country ; and that steps ought
 to be taken at once to bring that traffic to an end. The Synod also
 resolve to send copies of this Resolution to Lord Salisbury and Mr.
 Gladstone.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of London craved and the Synod granted ^{London}
 leave for that Presbytery to meet to-morrow morning at 9.15. ^{Presbytery.}

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past nine ^{Adjournment.}
 o'clock ; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was
 closed with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Friday,
April 29th.

*At Manchester and within Grosvenor
Square Church, on Friday, the 29th
day of April, 1887, at Half-past
Nine o'clock a.m.*

Constituted.

The Synod again convened and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sus-
tained.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were laid on the table, held as read, and were sustained.

Records.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Records, which was given in by the Rev. William Fraser, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and instruct the Clerk to attest the Records of the Synod, the several Presbyteries, and the various Committees of the Church, in accordance with the terms of the Report.

College.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of The College Committee: and Dr. Dykes, Convener, addressed the House thereanent.

Motion.

It was moved and seconded: The Synod regret that the number of students has this year fallen to a point below the requirements of the Church, and pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth fit labourers whom He will use and bless.

The Synod adopt for a period of five years the proposed scheme for the employment of the late Mr. Robert Barbour's legacy, and authorise the College Trustees to pay such sums out of income as the said Board shall sanction.

The Synod further sanction the proposal of the Committee to require from all regular students an increased annual fee and charge for residence;

Reappoint the Rev. H. C. Wilson, M.A., as a member of the Examination Board, suspending in this instance the rule respecting retirement; and authorise any Presbytery to which Mr. John Patterson may apply to take him upon trials with a view to license.

The Synod, deploring the steady decline in congregational contributions and the growing deficit thereby occasioned in the ordinary College account, and believing it to be detrimental to the best interests of the

Church that arrears should be permitted any longer to accumulate, find themselves constrained with the deepest regret to reduce, at least for the present, the salaries of the Principal and Barbour Professor by the amount of one hundred pounds per annum each ; such reduction to take effect from the Midsummer Term next ensuing.

At the same time, the Synod declare their unabated conviction that the College is indispensable to the well-being of the Church, and ought to be maintained in full equipment ; therefore commend it in its present financial difficulty to the generous support of all her members, who value a scholarly, homebred pastorate."

* It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment: Approve the Amendment. Report except the paragraph proposing a new application of the Robert Barbour bequest. The Synod are of opinion that the suggested application of said fund is not advisable in the interest of the students whom it is proposed thus to aid, on a principle new in the administration of the affairs of our College ; while it might tend to discourage generous youths who have thoughts of entering the ministry of this Church, through the avenue of our Theological College. Inasmuch, however, as the rights of students who have entered College in the expectation that the existing scale of fees would be continued must be reserved, the Synod authorise the Committee to make such provision as they may deem suitable for any cases of hardship thus arising.

After consideration, the Mover and Seconder of the Amendment, Finding. with consent of the House, withdrew the same, and the Synod unanimously adopted the Motion as its deliverance.

The Report of the College Trustees was given in by Mr. John College Trustees. Johnstone, Convener.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

The Synod called for the report of the College Senatus, which, in the College absence of Principal Chalmers, was submitted by Professor Gibb. Senatus.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

The Synod resumed consideration of matters connected with the Sustentation Fund. Fund.

After deliberation, the Synod resolved that the matter of the pension Rev. J. M. voted to the Rev. J. M. Ross by the Synod of 1879 having been brought Ross. under the notice of the Court, the Synod deem it fitting to place on

record that the circumstances which now exist do, in their judgment, gravely affect the basis on which it was originally granted.

Further, the Synod instruct that a copy of this minute be sent to the Rev. J. M. Ross.

Dissent.

From this finding the Rev. Robert Taylor and Mr. W. Carruthers were allowed *ex gratia* to enter their dissent.

Publications
Funds.

The Synod called for the Report of the Special Committee on the Funds of the Publications Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, in the absence of Mr. James C. Stevenson, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in accordance therewith the Synod: 1. Direct the Treasurership Committee to arrange for an advance of £500 to the Executive of the Publications Committee, to enable that Committee to carry out the decision of the Synod to liquidate their bookselling business: and instruct that when the deficiency has been ascertained, the repayment of such deficiency and of the above advance be arranged for by the Synod.

2. They resolve that the amount of the debt already incurred on account of the weekly and monthly 'Messengers,' and reported to the Synod, be met by a grant of £150 from the Synod Fund, and of £135 1s. from the Foreign Missions Fund.

Motion.

Further, it was moved and seconded: That the amount which may be required to carry out the decision of the Synod in relation to the 'Presbyterian Messenger' be provided out of the accrued profits of the Hymn Book.

Amendment.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment: That the Synod appoint a Special Committee, consisting of twelve persons, to be nominated by the Selection Committee, who shall endeavour to raise the funds necessary for carrying out the resolution of Synod on this subject; and authorise and instruct the Publications Committee to continue to issue the 'Weekly Messenger' if, and for so long as, said Special Committee, through its Convener, is able to advise them that it has funds sufficient to meet the loss accruing.

Finding.

The Synod proceeded to the vote, when it was found that forty-eight voted for the Amendment, and forty-four for the Motion. Wherefore, the Synod resolved in terms of the Amendment.

Instruction
to Committee.

Still further, the Synod direct the Publications Committee that in

addition to the 'Presbyterian Messenger' and the 'Children's Messenger,' they issue also for the Women's Missionary Association, 'Our Sisters in Other Lands,' and any other publications required by them, in the issue of which no pecuniary risk is incurred by the Publications Committee.

Also to continue the work required by the Standing Committees of the Church, such as the pew notices; for the Temperance Committee the Cards of Membership, and Rules for Associations; for the Instruction of Youth Committee, the Westminster Teacher for the Sunday School Teachers, and the issue of the Annual New Year's Address to the Children; also the Book of Order, and the Minutes and Reports of the Synod.

And further authorise the Committee to publish works which involve no pecuniary risk to the Committee, and which in the opinion of the Committee are specially related to the doctrine, history, worship, or work of the Presbyterian Church:

Also to purchase and sell the Hymn Books of the Church.

The Report of the Committee on Relations with the Congregational Union was given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener. Congrega-
tional Union

After consideration, the Synod receive the Report, thank the Convener and Committee for their labours, and while desiring that a spirit of cordiality and brotherhood should be ever maintained betwixt the Congregational Churches and this Church, and fully appreciating the objects aimed at in the negotiations regarding the Tooting case—the result of which is now reported—yet looking to the difficulties with which the question is encompassed, the Synod do not feel prepared to take further action in this matter.

The Synod desire to convey to the Congregational Union an assurance that they have no wish for the transfer to the Presbyterian Church of ecclesiastical property, which has been in possession of Congregationalists for any considerable period, even though it may be held under Title Deeds that might bear an interpretation in favour of the original Presbyterian destination of the trust; and should any grave difference of opinion arise in any case, the Synod express their judgment that a settlement should be arrived at by friendly arbitration.

The Report of the General Purposes Committee was given in by General
Purposes.
Mr. George Duncan, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

The Synod receive the Report, and agree that till otherwise ordered the Aggregate Meetings of Committee shall continue to be held, as in the past year, on the three days commencing with the third Monday of July, November, and March respectively; resolve that no change be made in the present rules regulating the Mode of Procedure in Debate, but instruct the Committee to consider, during the ensuing year, the Method of Taking the Vote, as referred to them by last Synod; and in terms of the Committee's recommendation, appoint the Collections for Synodical Funds during the ensuing year as follows, viz. :—

For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of May 1887.

„ Continental Work	„	„	July	„
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„	Oct.	„
„ The College	„	„	Nov.	„
„ The Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan. 1888.	
„ The Home Mission	„	„	Mar.	„

As there will be no meeting of the General Committees during the second quarter of the year, the Synod authorise the Executive Committee on Ministerial Support to declare the Sustentation Fund Dividend for that quarter.

Queen's
Jubilee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed at a former Sederunt to prepare a loyal and dutiful Address to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, in connection with her Jubilee year. The Report was given by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener, who submitted the draft of Address.

The Synod receive the Report, approve of the draft submitted, and instruct that it be duly engrossed, and presented according to the prescribed order, by the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, Dr. Fraser, and Mr. Hugh M. Matheson.

The Synod further recommend that on the day of the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, the Ministers and Congregations of the Church hold a Religious Service in connection therewith.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at Five o'clock this evening; whereof public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Friday,
Square Church, on Friday, the April 29th.
29th day of April, 1887, at Five
o'clock p.m.

The Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional Constituted
 exercises.

The Report of the Committee on Law and Historical Documents was Law and
 given in by the Rev. J. T. McGaw, in the absence of the Convener. Historical.

The Synod accept the Report, and resolve that the instructions given
 to the Committee by last Synod relative to the revision of the Book of
 Order, and the appointment of a Legal Adviser of the Church, be con-
 tinued.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Oversight Soldiers and
 of Soldiers and Sailors, which was given in by the Rev. James Christie, Sailors.
 Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and encourage the Committee to perse-
 vere in their good work of oversight of Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors.

The Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers Probationers.
 was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Muir, Convener.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

Application was made on behalf of Rev. W. McCraith, that the
 Committee have power to continue his name on Roll A after the expiry
 of his term thereon, if they shall see cause so to do.

The Synod receive and grant the application.

The Report of the Judicial Committee was submitted by the Rev. Judicial.
 Dr. McCaw, Convener.

The Synod accept the Report, and reappoint the Committee.

The Clerk laid on the table the Minutes of the Commission in the Blyth
 Blyth Case. Commission.

The Synod instruct that the Minutes be preserved along with the
 Minutes of the Synod.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Applications Applications
 from Persons, which was given in by the Rev. J. T. McGaw, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof acquiesce in the withdrawal of the Applications of the Revs. J. D. Cowan and Joseph Hamilton ; and resolve that Mr. D. Sutherland and Mr. W. B. Cooper, Probationers, be received as Licentiates of this Church, and their names placed on the Probationers' Roll A :

That the Rev. W. J. Maxwell, M.A., be admitted to the Ministry of this Church, and that on grounds of convenience the London Presbytery be empowered to admit him :

That on the application of the Presbytery of Darlington the Rev. James Douglas be recognised as a Minister *Emeritus* of this Church :

And that the application of the Rev. George Mole be declined.

Silvertown.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the application from Silvertown for a Special Grant from the Home Mission Fund in aid of the extinction of debt on the Manse.

The Report was submitted by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener, and in accordance therewith the Synod are unable to grant the application : at the same time, considering that the congregation of Silvertown have made praiseworthy and successful efforts to raise funds for the hall in which they now worship without receiving any grant from the Church Building Fund, and that they have already raised a considerable amount towards the cost of a Manse, and that they are a congregation entirely composed of working men, the Synod strongly recommend the case to the liberality of generous friends of the Church.

Rev. J. Henshelwood.

The Report of the Committee on the Letter of the Rev. John Henshelwood craving the removal of the judgment of suspension *sine die* passed on him at the last meeting of the Synod was submitted.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof they see no cause to interfere with the said judgment.

Complaint.

The Committee appointed to consider the Complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Newcastle against a judgment of the said Presbytery in the matter of the proposed resignation of the Rev. James Craig, of Blyth, submitted their Report in the following terms :—

Whereas the action of Mr. Craig and the office-bearers of the Blyth Congregation towards the Sustentation Fund has been misleading and of grave irregularity ; and whereas the finding of the Newcastle Presbytery complained against, appears to be founded on a recognition of certain claims which Mr. Craig makes arising out of this irregular action,

and which cannot be admitted as just or valid, and also involves a method of dealing with the Sustentation Fund contrary to its principle and design; the Committee recommend that the Synod so far sustain the complaint.

Beyond this, however, and having regard to the general circumstances of the congregation, and Mr. Craig's relation to it, and keeping in view the fact that he has suffered financially to a serious amount during the last two years, and now expresses his willingness to place his resignation as minister in Bridge Street, Blyth, in the hands of the Presbytery provided he receive *ex gratia* the sum of £200:—the Committee recommend the Synod to authorise the Presbytery of Newcastle to take steps to furnish such sum as is needful to cover this and existing liabilities, raising it if necessary by an arrangement with the Congregation and Trustees for a Mortgage on the property not exceeding £220.

The Synod adopt the Report, and instruct the Presbytery to raise the money, and if necessary by mortgage, and to pay the money to Mr. Craig on condition of his demitting his charge, and removing his residence from the town and district of Blyth.

The Synod resolve that it be referred to the General Purposes Committee during the current year to consider what steps ought to be taken in order to more satisfactory arrangements for securing the attendance of members on Committees appointed to do work during the sittings of the Synod. Attendance
at Com-
mittees.

The Report of the Committee on the Celebration of Marriages was given in by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, in the absence of Dr. Fraser, Con-
vener. Marriages.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve: That, while cordially recognising the good intentions of the framers of this Bill, in proposing to dispense with the compulsory presence of a registrar on occasion of the celebration of marriages in Nonconformist places of worship, the Synod are of opinion that the mode proposed of effecting this object is not satisfactory, and agree to petition the House of Commons that the Bill may not pass in its present form.

The Synod called for the Report of the Selection Committee, which was given in by Mr. Thomas Bell, Clerk. Selection
Committee.

The Synod accept the Report, and in accordance therewith appoint

the following as the Standing and the Special Committees of the Church for the current year :—(See Appendix.)

Letter to Free
Assembly.

As no Deputation is this year to be sent to the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, the Synod instruct that a fraternal Letter be prepared by the Moderator and Clerk, and despatched in name of the Synod to that Assembly.

Thanks.

The Synod recorded their thanks to the Ministers and other Office-bearers of Grosvenor Square Church, for the use of the Church and other premises; to the Arrangements Committee, in Manchester, for the excellent arrangements they have made for the convenience and comfort of the House; and to the numerous families in and around Manchester for the hospitality they have extended to members of Synod during the sittings thereof.

The Synod recorded their thanks to the Clerk for the efficiency with which he has discharged the duties of his Office.

Minutes
sustained.

The Minutes of this day's proceedings were read and sustained.

Close.

The Synod, having now, in the good providence of God, brought its business to a close, was suitably addressed by the Moderator, who declared this Synod closed, and indicated the next Synod to be held, as already determined, within Westmoreland Road Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the last Monday in April, 1888, at Six o'clock P.M.

The Synod was closed with praise and prayer.

Signed, in the name and by the authority of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England,

WILLIAM S. SWANSON, *Moderator*.
WILLIAM McCRAW, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

A.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

NOTE A.—By appointment of Synod the Moderator and the Clerk of Synod, and the General Secretary, are members (*ex officio*) of all the Standing Committees, except the Treasurership.

NOTE B.—Of the first Eleven Standing Committees (except the Home Mission) one-third retire annually. The first of the three Divisions into which each Committee is arranged contains the names of those now nominated by the Selection Committee: the last Division the names of those who retire next year.

1.—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. Samuel Stitt	Rev. D. Fotheringham	Mr. A. M. Fraser
Dr. McEwan	Robert Morton		
R. M. Thornton	W. L. Watson	Rev. Dr. Muir	Mr. G. B. Bruce
		Charles Moinet	George Duncan
Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. R. T. Turnbull		Thomas Bell
W. M. Macphail	John A. Swanston		Robert Wales

With Presbytery Representatives.

JOINT CONVENERS: Revs. Dr. Fraser and Dr. MacEwan.

2.—HOME MISSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. John Bogue	Mr. William Sutton
Dr. Muir	Samuel Stitt		
J. S. Rae	Robert Amos	Rev. Prof. Elmslie	Mr. R. T. Turnbull
		John Schlater	Thomas Holder
Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson	Mr. George Duncan	W. A. Walton	Geo. Bell, jun.
R. H. Lundie	J. A. Beith		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. George B. Bruce.

3.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. J. Schlater	Mr. Thomas Matheson		Mr. J. E. Mathieson
R. M. Thornton	John Lamont		Wm. Carruthers
W. M. Smith	John A. Beith		Thomas Bell
J. R. Gillies	Dr. Kennedy Moore		
Peter Carmichael	Major-Gen. James Anderson	Rev. W. Dale	Mr. George Duncan
		John Matheson	J. Alexander
		James Durran	R. T. Turnbull
		A. C. Alexander	W. H. Waite
Rev. W. Ballantyne	Mr. H. M. Matheson		Lieut.-Gen. Anderson
J. Head Thomson	John Bell		
Matthew Davison	Donald Matheson		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. H. M. Matheson.

SECRETARY: Mr. John Bell.

4.—JEWISH MISSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Edmond	Rev. T. W. Brown		Dr. Gauld
Robert Taylor	Mr. John Bell		Small
A. M. Mackray			
George Elder		Rev. Prof. Graham	Mr. B. H. Webb
		Matthew Davison	John Duncan
Rev. Dr. Sinclair Pater-son	Rev. Wm. Wingate	George Wilson	
	Mr. J. M. Leitch	Stratford	
	J. G. Smieton	J. H. Thomson	

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Edmond.

5.—INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. R. H. Lundie	Mr. J. A. Swanston		J. M. Douglas
T. J. Meyer	John Hume		H. M. Matheson
J. Head Thomson			
Dr. Hamilton		Rev. J. W. Rodger	Mr. Donald Matheson
		Prof. Elmslie	W. A. Boulnois
Rev. Robert Taylor	Mr. James Robertson	Charles Moinet	Samuel Stitt
William Fraser	H. M. Paul		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. R. H. Lundie.

6.—COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. J. G. Smieton	Rev. James Durran	Mr. A. M. Fraser
N. A. Ross	Robert Amos		
Jas. Cunningham	J. Muir Leitch	Rev. Dr. Hamilton	Mr. John Johnstone
		Dr. Morison	James Hardie
Rev. William Martin	Mr. Robert Morton	W. M. Macphail	W.P. Sinclair, M.P.
D. Matheson	John M. Douglas		

With Professors, Presbytery Representatives, and Members of Board of Examination.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

7.—INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. W. Carruthers	Rev. Hugh Macintosh	Mr. Alex. Clark
W. M. Smith	Dr. Kennedy Moore		
George Elder	Mr. Geo. Henderson	Rev. W. Dale	Mr. John G. Smieton
		D. Sillars	Robert Stark
Rev. John Reid, jun.	Mr. James Robb	G. Wilson	W. Farquharson
Peter Carmichael	Robert Whyte	(Canonbury)	

With Presbytery Representatives, and Dr. Murphy as Chairman of Board of Examiners.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

8.—TEMPERANCE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Murphy		Mr. James Robertson			Mr. B. H. Webb
D. Matheson		J. G. Henderson			
Peter Carmichael		J. M. Douglas	Rev. James Towers		Mr. J. R. McDonald
			J. W. Rodger		W. H. Waite
Rev. W. Armstrong	Mr. Robert Stark.		Z. B. Woffendale		Robert Wales
R. H. Lundie	J. W. Jackson				

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. Robert Wales.

9.—LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. Charles Moinet		Rev. Dr. Kennedy			Mr. J. Eckles Russell
		Moore			James Goodman
W. M. Macphail	Mr. James Robertson		With Presbytery Representatives, and the following who were added to assist in revising the Book of Order:—		
James Durran	A. M. Fraser				
Rev. J. T. McGaw	Dr. Leone Levi		Rev. Dr. Muir		Mr. Wm Carruthers
Wm. Ballantyne	Mr. Thomas Bell		James Mackenzie		Robert Wales
D. Fotheringham	Robert Whyte		J. Howie Boyd		
			John Bogue		
Rev. W. Dale	Mr. Gainsford Bruce		George Johnstone		
Dr. Edmond	Rev. John Kelly				

CONVENER: Dr. Levi.

10.—PUBLICATIONS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Gibson		Mr. W. Garden	Rev. Robert Taylor		Mr. T. W. Thacker
		Mathew Little	W. S. Swanson		Wm. Carruthers
		John Hume			
		D. S. Barclay	Rev. John Kelly		Mr. Henry Robson
		G. S. Shields	Henry Miller		Alex. Durward
			J. R. Howat		Joseph Clarke
Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. G. B. Bruce				

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. T. W. Thacker.

11.—PUBLIC PRAISE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Murphy		Mr. James Robb	Rev. D. C. Sillars		Mr. Ninian Merrylees
A. C. Alexander		John N. Boyd			
H. M. Mackenzie		John S. Balfour	Rev. J. W. Rodger		Mr. Alex. Guthrie
			D. Matheson		W. Farquharson
Rev. John Mauchlen	Mr. A. C. Falconer		J. R. Howat		F. G. Edwards
Henry Miller	Robert Wales				

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Murphy.

12.—GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Officials of the Standing Committees, together with Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

13.—BOARD OF NOMINATION TO MODERATORSHIP.

The Moderators of the Synod who have passed the Chair, together with the Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: The Moderator.

14.—DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

MINISTERS.
Rev. Professor Gibb
James Muir
James Christie

MINISTERS.
Rev. Dr. Morison
G. Elder

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Muir.

15.—OVERSIGHT OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

MINISTERS.
Rev. James Christie
Dr. Fraser
A. C. Alexander
J. Cunningham

ELDERS.
Lieut.-General Anderson
Major-Genl. J. Anderson
Sir G. B. Pechell,
Mr. J. A. Swanston
W. G. Creighton

With Chaplains and other Ministers having Oversight of Soldiers, as Corresponding Members.

CONVENER: Rev. J. Christie.

16.—STATISTICS.

MINISTERS.
Rev. Dr. MacEwan
W. Ballantyne

ELDERS.
Dr. Leone Levi
Mr. Robert Wales
R. A. MacLean

CONVENER: Dr. Levi.

17.—TREASURERSHIP.

Mr. George Duncan
John Bell
R. T. Turnbull
John Johnstone
W. L. Watson
D. Matheson

Mr. R. Niven
Robert Wales
Jasper Young
Alister G. Fraser
J. Alexander
Wm. Westgarth

CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

18.—JUDICIAL.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Principal Chalmers	Mr. Gainsford Bruce
Dr. Dykes	Dr. Leone Levi
Dr. Edmond	Sir C. E. Lewis, Bart., M.P.
Dr. McCaw	Mr. Samuel Stitt
CONVENER: Rev. Dr. McCaw.	

B.—SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1.—THE CHURCH'S RELATION TO THE CONFESSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Principal Chalmers	Mr. S. Smith, M.P.	Rev. Robert Taylor	Mr. Robert Amos
Dr. Edmond	Geo. Duncan	J. Selater	Robert Hedley
Fraser	Robert Whyte	A. H. Drysdale	W. Carruthers
Dykes	Dr. Leone Levi	John Thompson	W. S. Wilkinson
H. S. Paterson	Mr. Robt. Wales	John B. Meharry	R. Barclay
MacEwan	G. Bruce, Q.C.	W. A. Walton	
Symington	Samuel Stitt	W. Limont	
Macleod	T. Bell (Liverpool)	J. Howie Boyd	
Graham	Francis Johnston	A. W. Mackray	
MacCaw	Thos. Hepburn	Robert Cowan	
Simpson	Wm. Sutton	J. T. McGaw	
Geo. Johnstone	Thos. Hall	Wm. Dale	
R. H. Lundie	John A. Beith	John More	
CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes.			

2.—DEPUTIES TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

MINISTERS.	ELDER.
The Moderator	Mr. Adam Hogg
Rev. Robt. Duff	

3.—DEPUTIES TO THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN ENGLAND.

MINISTERS.	ELDER.
The Moderator	Mr. Robt. Wales
Rev. Robt. Taylor	

CONVENER: The Moderator.

4.—CORRESPONDING MEMBERS TO THE WELSH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
The Moderator	Mr. Samuel Stitt
Rev. R. H. Lundie	Lawrence Kilgour

CONVENER: The Moderator.

5.—CORRESPONDING MEMBERS TO THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
The Moderator	Mr. John Bolam
Rev. Wm. Steele	R. T. Turnbull
Jas Brown (Manchester)	Thomas Carter
James Lee	
W. E. Shaw	G. B. Bruce
W. Ainslie Walton	C. R. B. McGilchrist

CONVENER: The Moderator.

6.—COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. Robert Amos	Rev. H. C. Wilson	Mr. W. R. Galbraith
Dr. Dykes	Lamont	C. Moinet	J. Muir Leitch
Dr. MacEwan	W. Carruthers	A. L. Henderson	
Dr. Murphy	W. Garden	J. W. Rodger	
Robt. Taylor	Rev. John Kelly	James Stuart	
Professor Elmslie	Mr. Robert Whyte	D. Matheson	
George Johnstone	R. T. Turnbull	J. B. Hastings	
J. T. McGaw	H. M. Matheson	James Christie	
W. A. Walton	G. B. Bruce		

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Fraser.

7.—ON RELATIONS WITH CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. G. B. Bruce
Dr. Dykes	H. M. Matheson
Dr. Edmond	Samuel Stitt
Dr. McCaw	Robert Amos
Dr. Muir	J. C. Stevenson, M.P.

8.—BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR SYNOD, 1888.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. William Hutton	Mr. James Halliday
John Bogue	H. M. Matheson	J. Howie Boyd	Alex. Taylor
Chas. Friskin	George Duncan	Wm. Rogerson	G. A. Main
James Mackenzie	Robert Wales	James Lees	
John Thompson	George Bell, jun.	John Reid, sen.	
R. H. Lundie	R. T. Turnbull		

With 22 Presbytery Representatives, and with the General Secretary, and the Clerk of Synod.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Fraser.

9.—ON OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. J. Muir Leitch	Rev. Dr. Murphy	Mr. J. A. Beith
Grosart	G. B. Bruce	J. T. McGaw	Jas. Goodman
Macleod	Thomas Bell	W. A. Walton	
Morison	Samuel Stitt	Prof. Elmslie	

CONVENER: Rev. Charles Moinet.

10.—ON THE STATUS OF MEDICAL AND OTHER NON-MINISTERIAL MISSIONARIES.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS	ELDERS
The Moderator	Mr. H. M. Matheson	Rev. Dr. Muir	Mr. George Blair
Rev. Dr. Edmond	John Bell	J. T. McGaw	Archibald Ferguson
Fraser	William Carruthers	R. H. Lundie	Robt. Barclay
Dykes	Robt. Amos	John Thompson	Thomas Bell
Morison	John A. Beith	John Selater	
McCaw	R. T. Turnbull		

CONVENER: "Rev. R. H. Lundie.

11.—ON THE POSITION OF AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. R. H. Lundie	Mr. George Duncan	Rev. James Mackenzie	John A. Swanston
J. T. McGaw	R. T. Turnbull	Thos. Macpherson	Robert Wales
Dr. Fraser	John A. Beith		Chas. Macdonald
MacEwan	Samuel Stitt		Thomas Bell

CONVENER: Mr. R. T. Turnbull.

12.—ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. W. A. Walton	Mr. Robert Wales	Rev. Robert Taylor	Mr. Allan Weir
Peter Carmichael	John Bell	J. Howie Boyd	J. G. Smieton
A. F. Douglas	Thos. Matheson		

CONVENER: Mr. Robert Wales.

13.—ON CONTINUANCE OF 'WEEKLY MESSENGER.'

Mr. George Duncan	Mr. Charles H. Bell
George B. Bruce	Thomas Carter
Samuel Stitt	John Gunn
Alexander Armour	Robert Thomson
John A. Beith	Robert Amos
George B. Blair	W. R. Foster

CONVENER: Mr. G. B. Bruce.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. That for the convenience of Sessions the Clerk shall, at least one month before the meeting of Synod, issue to each Session a copy of the form of Commission, and of the Certificate appointed to be used for certifying Elders.

2. That all Commissions transmitted to the Clerk of Synod shall be revised by him, in so far as regards the regularity of said Commissions in point of form, and that he shall report to the Committee appointed by the Synod for revising Commissions only such as are defective or irregular.

3. That all Overtures, Returns to Overtures from Inferior Courts, and all papers transmitted by the Inferior Courts shall be in the form of Certified Extracts from the Minutes of said Courts, and that all such, as well as Elders' Commissions, shall be in the hands of the Clerk of Synod ten days at least before the meeting of Synod.

4. That papers in cases from Inferior Courts, whether forming part of the Record or produced in evidence before said Courts, shall, in each case, before they are given in, be duly dated, numbered, and initialled by the Clerk of the Court from which they come, and be accompanied by petition for transmission to the Committee on Bills by the parties sending them in.

5. That the Synod at its first Sederunt shall appoint two Committees—one to be called the Committee on Commissions and Records, and the other the Selection Committee. That the former shall consist of forty members, all chosen by the Synod; and it shall be charged with the revision of such Elders' Commissions as the Clerk may report to be defective or irregular, and of the Records of the Synod, the Presbyteries, and the Standing Committees. That the latter shall consist of the Conveners of existing standing Committees, along with a member selected by each Presbytery—his name to be forwarded to the Clerk ten days before the meeting of Synod; and that it shall be charged with the nomination of suitable persons to act on the various Committees of the Church.

6. That at a suitable time the Synod shall appoint a Committee on Bills and Business for the following Synod; that it shall be chosen jointly by the Synod and the Presbyteries—each Presbytery being authorised to nominate one member for every fifteen congregations or fraction thereof—the names of the persons so nominated to be in the hands of the Clerk ten days before the meeting of the said following Synod; that it shall be charged with the revision and transmission of all papers to be laid on the table of the Synod, and with the arrangement of the Order of Business; and that it shall meet on the afternoon of the day of the Synod's meeting, so as to be able to report at the first Sederunt.

7. That the Synod shall meet on Monday evening at Six o'clock, and shall be prepared to enter on business not later than Eight o'clock.

8. That the Clerk shall report to the Synod on the Monday evening in regard to Elders' Commissions, so that the Roll may be made up at once, except in the case of such defective or irregular Commissions as may have been reported to the Committee on Commissions and Records.

9. That the following arrangements shall, as far as practicable, be observed during the sittings of the Synod, namely:—

MONDAY.

That the Business Committee shall submit its Report immediately after that on Ministerial Changes, to be followed by—

- (1.) Applications from Persons and Places.
- (2.) Petitions, References, and other Communications *not* cognate to Reports of Synodical Committees.
- (3.) Such other Business as the Business Committee may suggest.

TUESDAY.

- (1.) That the Synod shall first observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper—the service not to extend beyond an hour—and then proceed to business, without adjournment.
- (2.) That immediately after the reception of the Reports of the Committee on defective or irregular Commissions (if any), the Corresponding Members of the United Presbyterian Church be received by an official recognition from the Moderator's Chair, with a brief reply from one of the Corresponding Members; after which the reports of the Business and Selection Committees shall be received.

WEDNESDAY.

- (1.) That the Report of the College Committee shall immediately follow that of the Committee on Ministerial Support, the remainder of the Sederunt being occupied by such other business as may be arranged.
- (2.) That the reception of Deputies from other Churches shall form an order of the day for 7.30 in the evening, the preceding hour and a half being devoted to General Business; that no Deputy be heard who has not been formally commissioned; that the papers of Deputies, having been duly passed through the Business Committee, be simply reported but not read in court; that Deputies from Home Churches be received first, and then those from Colonial and Foreign Churches, the two latter changing places at alternate Synods; that not more than two Deputies be heard from any one Church; that each Foreign Deputy be allowed a quarter of an hour, provided the whole of the Foreign Deputies do not in any case occupy more than one hour in all; and that the Moderator acknowledge the addresses of the Deputies at the close without formal motion.

THURSDAY.

- (1.) That the morning be reserved, as far as possible or necessary, for important questions that may from time to time be brought before the Synod.
- (2.) That Committees to which matters shall have been specially referred submit their Reports, as far as possible, in the evening up till 7.30 [or 8] o'clock, when there shall be an order of the day for the reception of the Report on the Instruction of Youth.

FRIDAY.

That this day shall be devoted to the remanent business of the Synod, and that Members shall be expected to arrange to remain over the day.

10. That, except in the case of the last day's proceedings, the Minutes having been previously printed and placed in the hands of Members, shall be held as read, and be sustained accordingly at the beginning of each day's proceedings, with such corrections as may then be made.

11. That the Reports of the Committees of the Synod shall be printed and circulated along with the Minutes of Synod; and that a copy of the same shall be bound up in volumes and preserved among the Documents of the Synod.

12. That in cases where parties are called to the bar, two speeches only shall be heard from each party, including the reply, to which the appellant or complainant shall be entitled. But if there be more than two parties, there shall be only one speech from each, besides the reply. In case of there being more than one complainant, and it appearing that the complaints are on distinctly separate grounds, each may be considered a separate party.

13. That the following shall be the order in regard to Motions, Votes, and Decisions:—1. Every motion or amendment shall be given in to the Clerk, in writing, as soon as it shall have been read to the House. 2. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the House, except as an amendment thereon, or as an alternative motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod. 3. The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter, the debate shall be held definitely closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting in regard to the manner of putting the vote. 4. When there are only two motions before the House the question put to the vote shall be—Motion or Amendment, or first or second Motion? When there are more than two Motions a vote is taken successively upon each, and unless it shall appear that one of the Motions has a clear majority of all the votes, that which had the least number shall be dropped, and a fresh vote taken upon those that remain, till only one shall be left, when the remaining Motion shall be finally put to the House as a substantive Motion. The voting shall be either by an open show of hands, or by ballot, or by calling the Roll of the House. In the first case the Moderator or Clerk counts the votes, but if needful, tellers may be appointed to assist him. In the case of ballot, voting papers shall be prepared and supplied to members of the Court; and on their being collected they shall be referred to two or more scrutineers appointed by the Court, who shall ascertain the result and report the same. In the case of calling the Roll, the names of the Members arranged in Presbyteries are called seriatim by the Clerk, and each Member's vote on being tendered is marked by the Clerk. The votes are then summed up, and the result announced by the Moderator.

14. That in bringing up a Report from the Committee, the Convener thereof shall move the reception of the Report, and the adoption of such resolutions as the Report contains, or suggests may be proposed to the House, with such additional resolution or resolutions as may seem necessary or desirable.

15. That any proposal for a pause in the Synod's proceedings, with a view to engage in special Devotional Exercises, shall be made to the Synod only through

the Moderator. That all letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the House, shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator on the way of disposing of them.

16. That the Records of Synod, Presbyteries, and Standing Committees be called for at the first Morning Sitting, and remitted to the Committee on Records for examination. The Moderator or Clerk shall attest the same in accordance with their report.

17. That no Committee shall continue to sit after the Moderator shall have taken the Chair.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

AND OTHER PAPERS

PRESENTED TO THE

TWELFTH SYNOD

OF THE

Presbyterian Church of England,

HELD AT

MANCHESTER, APRIL 1887.

The following are certified as the Reports received by the Synod of 1887.

WILLIAM McCRAW, *Synod Clerk.*

JERSEY: May 1887.

I.
REPORT ON MINISTERIAL CHANGES
FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR 1886-87.

FOREIGN MISSIONS FIELD.

1. Rev. W. R. Thompson resigned his appointment. Mar. 22, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

1. The Rev. Robert Scobie was inducted at Tweedmouth. Dec. 2, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF BIRMINGHAM.

1. Mr. George Bennett was ordained at Shrewsbury. May 22, 1886.
2. The Rev. A. L. Henderson was inducted at Camp-hill, Oct. 13, 1886.
Birmingham.
3. The Rev. Samuel D. Scammell was translated from Stafford. Mar. 15, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF BRISTOL.

1. The Rev. Archibald N. Mackray, M.A., was translated from Sep. 14, 1886.
Torquay.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

1. The Rev. Edward Joyce resigned his charge at Haltwhistle. Feb. 1, 1887.
2. The Rev. Hugh Rodger was translated from Workington. April 12, 1887.
3. The Rev. David Eades was translated from John Street, Maryport. April 12, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF DARLINGTON.

1. The Rev. James Douglas resigned the senior pastorate at May 11, 1886.
Hartlepool.
2. The Rev. W. Michael Smith was translated from Holderness Nov. 2, 1886.
Road, Hull.
3. The Rev. Thomas Boyd, B.A., Bishop Auckland, died. Nov. 11, 1886.
4. The Rev. Alexander Stirling was inducted at York. Nov. 18, 1886.

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| Mar. 16, 1887. | 5. Mr. William Murray, M.A., was ordained at Crook. |
| April 5, 1887. | 6. The Rev. H. P. Slade was translated from Towlaw. |
| April 7, 1887. | 7. The Rev. W. Smith resigned his charge at Scarborough. |
| April 19, 1887. | 8. The Rev. H. P. Slade was inducted at Holderness Road, Hull. |

PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

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| Nov. 8, 1886. | 1. The Rev. Patrick White died at Islington, Liverpool. |
| Mar. 31, 1887. | 2. The Rev. P. M. Kirkland was ordained at West Kirby. |
| April 21, 1887. | 3. The Rev. W. Moore White, LL.D., was inducted at Islington. |

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

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| May 11, 1886. | 1. The Rev. John Matheson, M.A., resigned his charge at Hampstead. |
| May 13, 1886. | 2. The Rev. William McCaw, D.D., was inducted at St. Helier's,
Jersey. |
| July 8, 1886. | 3. Mr. D. Martin McIntyre was ordained at College Park. |
| July 13, 1886. | 4. The Rev. Robert Hanna, B.A., was translated from Croydon. |
| Oct. 20, 1886. | 5. The Rev. Archibald N. Mackray, M.A., was inducted at Croydon. |
| Nov. 25, 1886. | 6. The Rev. W. Michael Smith was inducted at Bow. |
| Dec. 14, 1886. | 7. The Rev. Thomas Curry was translated from Aston Tirrold. |
| Dec. 14, 1886. | 8. The Rev. Andrew Lees resigned his charge at Chatham. |
| Dec. 24, 1886. | 9. The Rev. W. Harvey-Jellie died at Southampton. |
| Jan. 6, 1887. | 10. The Rev. Thomas Curry was inducted at Bermondsey. |
| Jan. 11, 1887. | 11. The Rev. W. J. B. Roome resigned his charge at Aldershot. |
| Jan. 21, 1887. | 12. The Rev. Wesley A. Rodger resigned his charge at Woolston. |
| Feb. 8, 1887. | 13. The Rev. William Kidd resigned his charge at Rangoon. |
| Feb. 24, 1887. | 14. Mr. J. R. Patterson was ordained at East Dulwich. |
| Mar. 3, 1887. | 15. Mr. James McIntosh, M.A., was ordained at Stepney. |
| Mar. 8, 1887. | 16. The Rev. A. F. A. Moir was inducted to the pastorate of
Rangoon. |
| Mar. 31, 1887. | 17. The Rev. James R. Gillies, M.A., was inducted at Hampstead. |
| April 19, 1887. | 18. The Rev. S. D. Scammell was inducted at Chatham. |
| April 20, 1887. | 19. The Rev. David Eades was inducted at Aston Tirrold. |

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

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| May 27, 1886. | 1. The Rev. William A. S. Croall died at St. Columba, Leeds. |
| July 22, 1886. | 2. The Rev. Alexander Bannatyne, M.A., resigned his charge at
Longsight. |
| Sept. 21, 1886. | 3. Mr. Thomas Boyd, M.A., was ordained at Oldham. |

4. The Rev. John Huey, M.A., B.D, was inducted at Trinity, Sept. 23, 1886. Manchester.

5. The Rev. John Reid, jun., M.A., was inducted at St. Columba, Dec. 21, 1886. Leeds.

6. Mr. Robert H. Lyall, M.A., was ordained at Longsight, Man- Mar. 7, 1887. chester.

7. The Rev. Robert T. Cunningham, M.A., was inducted at Bowdon. Mar. 10, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

1. The Rev. J. Lawrence Rentoul, B.A., was inducted at St. George's, July 29, 1886. Sunderland.

2. The Rev. A. Lawrence Laird, M.A., was inducted at Swalwell. Aug. 14, 1886.

3. The Rev. Alexander L. Henderson was translated from Durham. Sept. 21, 1886.

4. Mr. J. Anderson Watt was ordained at Ellison Street, Gateshead. Sept. 21, 1886.

5. Mr. Alexander Matheson, M.A., was ordained at St. Kilda's, Oct. 7, 1886. Jarrow.

6. The Rev. John Reid, junr., M.A., was translated from Gosforth. Dec. 7, 1886.

7. The Rev. A. L. Laird, M.A., resigned his charge at Swalwell. Mar. 11, 1887.

8. Mr. John L. Hunter was ordained at Forest Hall. Mar. 31, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

NO CHANGES.

TABULATED STATEMENT.

	Ordinatus.	Inductus.	Translatus.	Resignatus.	Deaths.	Totals.
Foreign Missions .....	...	...	...	1	...	1
Presbytery of—						
Berwick .....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Birmingham	1	1	1	...	...	3
Bristol .....	...	...	1	...	...	1
Carlisle .....	...	...	2	1	...	3
Darlington.....	1	2	2	2	1	8
Liverpool	1	1	...	...	1	3
London	3	8	2	5	1	19
Manchester	2	3	...	1	1	7
Newcastle	3	2	2	1	...	8
Northumberland .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
	11	18	10	11	4	54

Submitted to the Synod of 1887 by

WILLIAM McCRAW,

Synod Clerk.

II.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL
SUPPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

I.—SUSTENTATION FUND.

For another year the equal dividend has been maintained at £200, but on this occasion not without making a slight draft on the Reserve and Working Fund—the first time that this has happened since the falling in of the Muter bequest. The draft would, indeed, have been much heavier but for the saving to the Fund from an abnormal number of vacancies among the Aid-receiving Congregations, together with the falling in of the sum reported to the Synod of 1883 as temporarily transferred to the Muter Capital Account for convenience of investments. The future of the Fund is now matter of the gravest anxiety to your Committee, and they cannot conceal from themselves that they are at last face to face with a serious crisis. They are satisfied that the reduction of the dividend would be nothing short of a disaster to the Church, and it is quite certain that that must sooner or later take place unless a very substantial addition can be made to the contributions from our stronger Congregations. They are, indeed, surprised at the apathy displayed by the Church in this matter. In 1878 the United Church carefully revised the rules regulating the Fund, and surrounded it with what then seemed sufficient safeguards. Since that time some of the ablest and most experienced business men in the Church have given it the benefit of their best services, working it administratively with a vigilance and skill which few, if any, similar Church funds enjoy. No one who has taken the trouble to note the working of the Fund can doubt that it is, as now administered, one of the most efficient working instruments ever possessed by any Church. As has been again and again pointed out, this is amply proved by its remarkable results in reducing the burdens resting upon it. But step by step, as your Committee have shown these results, they have had the grievous discouragement, at least during the last four years, of seeing them more than neutralised by a persistent withdrawal of the resources on which they were dependent. The diminution in the aid furnished since 1882 has exceeded £700 ; a very serious sum on so small a fund—so serious indeed as to compel the reduction of the dividend, unless the revenue can be restored to something like its former position. Once

more your Committee beg the earnest attention of the Synod to these two columns of figures :—

Year.	Aid supplied to Congregations.			Aid furnished by Congregations.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1878	6,443	7	6	5,097	10	0	
1879	6,156	2	4	5,292	11	0	
1880	6,018	9	2	5,798	2	11	!
1881	6,009	13	3	5,635	5	5	
1882	5,714	11	3	6,002	12	1	
1883	5,683	1	5	5,818	6	5	
1884	5,464	6	0	5,586	18	8	
1885	5,409	13	11	5,479	18	6	
1886	5,438	18	2	5,293	14	11	
Since 1878—Improvement	1,004	9	4	196	4	11	Improvement
1882— „	275	13	1	708	17	2	Retrogression

The significance of these figures is increased by the fact that while four of the Aid-receiving Congregations of 1878 now, no doubt, receive aid from the Home Mission, amounting in the aggregate to £190, 15 new Congregations have been received on the Fund, drawing aid to the amount of £624 1s. 9*d.* The saving in relation to the obligations of 1878 is thus really £1,438 11s. 1*d.* The number of Aid-receiving Congregations in that year was 103 ; it is now only 97 ; the average amount of aid given was £62 10s. ; it is now only £56. During these nine years six Congregations have ceased to exist, one has been placed on the Home Mission, under a much more economical arrangement, while no less than 12 have become self-sustaining. No better evidence could surely be afforded alike of the efficiency of the instrument and the care with which it has been applied.

After a careful consideration of the prospects of the Fund for the current year, on the assumption that there is to be no substantial advance in the givings of the Aid-giving Congregations of the Church, your Committee grieve to say that they anticipate a deficiency of at least £300, if the dividend is to be maintained at £200. They assume that it cannot be the mind of the Synod that the dividend should be kept up at £200 by means of drafts on the Reserve Fund, which was intended to be, and is absolutely necessary as, a working capital. One of the most valuable features of the Sustentation Fund is its securing regular payments to the ministers, quarter by quarter, though a very large proportion of the aid it has to administer comes in at the very close of the year. This can only be accomplished by means of a working capital, to be drawn upon throughout the year, but to be made up at the close. It was for this object that the Reserve Fund was subscribed in 1878 and 1879 by a few generous friends of the Church, and it is absolutely necessary that it be sacredly guarded for this, its proper end. If, therefore, the dividend is to be maintained at £200, it is absolutely necessary that the means be otherwise provided ; and your Committee are of opinion that another effort should be made to evoke the liberality of the

Church so as to prevent what they regard as the grave disaster of a proclamation to the world that we are at last obliged, after having maintained the dividend at £200 for nine years, to abandon the attempt. They recommend, therefore, (1) that the Synod give them their strong support in making one more appeal to the Congregations that are in a position to be Aid-giving, to endeavour to make a substantial advance on their present rate of giving; and (2) that, meanwhile, for one year, no new Congregation be received on the Fund as Aid-receiving, nor any arrangement made involving additional aid, unless there shall be reason to believe that this appeal has evoked a response making it possible to give such aid without further embarrassing the Fund. They would further suggest that while the legacy of £500, which has fallen to this Fund by the will of the late Miss Mary Barbour, of Manchester, shall be used so far as necessary to make up the Reserve to the £2,500 which was originally subscribed for that purpose, the balance (£83 8s. 7d.) shall be thrown into ordinary revenue, so as to be available for the requirements of the year. Even with this, however, there will remain upwards of £200 of deficiency, which your Committee would earnestly urge upon Congregations and private donors to furnish, in addition to the contributions of last year, so as to secure the present rate of dividend to ministers having claims on the Fund under existing arrangements; after which it is hoped that Congregations will continue to co-operate with the Committee so as to enable them to provide for future applicants.

The stock markets have continued so depressed during the last twelve months that the Muter Trustees have not ventured to dispose of the London, Chatham, and Dover Ordinary and the Caledonian Deferred Stocks handed over to them, but will lose no favourable opportunity of doing so. The only financial transaction for the year has been the return of £100 capital from Messrs. Barlow & Jones, Limited, out of which they paid over to the Sustentation Fund £68 9s. 7d., the amount already referred to as temporarily held by them from revenue; the balance being invested in Consols.

As in former years, full information is given in the Appendices as to the transactions of the year and other matters, and to these your Committee would beg the careful attention of all who are interested in observing the working of the Fund, and the results since 1878.

II.—AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Last Synod having added another annuitant to the eight already on the Fund, the whole number for last year has been nine, their claims amounting to £310. The income from investments only amounted to £289 4s. 11d.; but as the special collections asked for brought in £120 6s. 6d., while donations, chiefly from the Presbytery of Northumberland, amounted to £87, all the annuities have been paid in full, and a balance of £205 18s. 2d. has been carried forward to this year.

As instructed by last Synod, your Committee considered somewhat carefully the suggestion of a special Ministers' subscription, but found great difference of opinion to exist in regard to a subscription so limited. The decision ultimately arrived at was 'that the further consideration of the question be deferred until the time is deemed opportune for dealing effectively with the Fund; but that subscriptions from ministers *and others* be invited in the meanwhile.' This resolution has been brought before the various Presbyteries, in several of which committees have been appointed with the view of raising such subscriptions, as well as encouraging Congregations that have not yet made the collection asked for to gather the contributions of the people in this way.

Your Committee would remind the Synod that they are only waiting for a revival of commercial prosperity in the country to take active measures for making a substantial addition to the capital of the Fund. It is unquestionably unworthy of the Church that the maximum allowance from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund should stand at so low a figure as £45. It is the one element in our financial arrangements that is glaringly unsatisfactory.

III.—WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The membership of the Fund has now reached 319 against 312 reported last year. The annuitants are increasing very rapidly, now embracing thirty widows and fifty-five orphans, against twenty-six widows and forty-nine orphans reported to last Synod. The capital is £33,355 12s. 11d., while the annual income from investments has risen to £1,374 6s. 4d. The usual table is submitted, showing the advance of the Fund both in resources and responsibilities since 1878.

Year	Members	Annuitants			Capital	Revenue from Investments		
		Widows	Orphans	Total				
1878-9	227	10	13	23	£ 14,700	£ 680	s. 0	d. 0
1879-80	231	10	11	21	16,618	745	0	0
1880-1	247	12	20	32	18,923	759	0	0
1881-2	272	14	20	34	20,714	855	8	9
1882-3	290	17	24	41	24,006	938	13	11
1883-4	297	19	26	45	26,102	1,100	5	11
1884-5	311	20	29	49	28,740	1,153	15	6
1885-6	312	26	49	75	31,349	1,263	4	9
1886-7	319	30	55	85	33,356	1,374	6	4

Submitted on behalf of the Committee, by

DONALD FRASER,
DAVID MACEWAN,

Joint Conveners.

[For Financial Statement see under 'Accounts of the Church'—Sustentation Fund, p. 556; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, p. 558; Widows and Orphans' Fund, p. 559.]

Appendix A.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
Berwick Presbytery.						
1	Ancroft Moor	115	<i>a</i> ...	...	£ s. d. 6 10 0	£ s. d. 73 10 0
2	Beaumont	324	<i>a</i> ...	...	13 7 2	121 12 10
3	Belford	232	57	25	7 16 6	122 3 6
4	Berwick, Bankhill	271	20	7	16 0 0	184 0 0
5	" Wallace Green	*830	250	30	61 0 0	...
6	Chatton... ..	260	90	35	19 17 9	140 2 3
7	Crookham	190	48	25	21 16 7	68 6 6
8	Etal	214	50	23	15 0 0	105 0 0
9	Horncliffe	210	30	14	7 12 6	97 7 6
10	Lowick	162	<i>p</i> ...	...	23 6 0	91 14 0
11	Norham, North	192	<i>p</i> ...	...	19 4 4	88 15 8
12	" South	140	<i>a</i> ...	...	10 11 11	94 8 1
13	Tweedmouth	215	190	88	10 17 6	73 7 0
		3355	735	30	233 0 3	1260 7 4
Birmingham Presbytery.						
14	Birmingham, Broad Street ...	104	45	43	33 16 6	171 3 6
15	" Camphill	140	<i>a</i> ...	...	39 3 6	160 16 6
16	" New John Street ...	78	<i>b</i> 48	62	52 3 6	77 16 6
17	" Smethwick	87	21	24	8 13 11	53 1 7
18	Derby	90	34	38	43 1 0	156 19 0
19	Dudley	46	13	28	10 2 3	69 17 9
20	Hanley	130	20	15	39 14 0	110 6 0
21	Leicester	92	65	71	30 0 0	100 0 0
22	Nottingham	228	61	27	108 0 0	107 0 0
23	Shrewsbury	65	24	37	27 17 1	81 9 7
24	Stafford	126	33	26	18 0 0	162 0 0
25	Wolverhampton	176	40	23	34 0 0	176 0 0
26	Worcester	96	30	31	13 11 10	111 8 2
		1458	434	33	458 3 7	1537 18 7
Bristol Presbytery.						
27	Aberdare	62	57	92	35 7 0	89 13 0
28	Bristol	233	<i>a</i> ...	...	14 0 0	...
29	Cardiff	309	170	55	130 0 0	120 0 0
30	Cheltenham	149	45	30	41 2 0	183 18 0
31	Gloucester	175	160	91	67 14 1	144 16 11
32	Plymouth	177	34	19	28 0 0	182 0 0
33	Swansea	141	68	48	54 3 0	150 17 0
34	Swindon	109	72	66	33 15 9	91 4 3
35	Torquay	144	101	70	207 6 9	52 13 3
		1499	707	56	611 8 7	1015 2 5

(a) Collections.

(*) 29 belonging to Congregational Mission.

(p) Box at Church door.

(b) Exclusive of Sabbath School, which also contributes.

STATEMENT 1886.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
80 0 0	0 13 11	14	...	94 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	1
135 0 0	0 8 4	14	...	149 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	2
130 0 0	0 11 3	...	...	130 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	3
200 0 0	0 14 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	4
61 0 0	0 6 3	...	200	261 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	5
160 0 0	0 12 4	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	6
90 3 1	0 9 6	14	...	104 3 1	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	7
120 0 0	0 11 3	10	...	130 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	8
105 0 0	0 10 0	14	...	119 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	9
115 0 0	0 14 2	14	...	129 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	10
108 0 0	0 11 3	12	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	11
105 0 0	0 15 0	12	...	117 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	12
84 4 6	0 7 10	...	...	84 4 6	129 7 0	...	129 7 0	13
1493 7 7	0 10 1	104	200	1797 7 7	2439 7 0	300 0 0	2739 7 0	
205 0 0	1 19 5	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0	14
200 0 0	1 8 7	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	15
130 0 0	1 13 4	...	...	130 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	16
61 15 6	1 2 7	36 8 11	...	98 4 5	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	17
200 0 0	2 4 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	18
80 0 0	1 14 9	...	...	80 0 0	124 16 6	...	124 16 6	19
150 0 0	1 3 1	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	20
130 0 0	1 8 3	...	...	130 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	21
215 0 0	0 18 10	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	185 0 0	385 0 0	22
109 6 8	1 13 8	...	...	109 6 8	144 4 5	...	144 4 5	23
180 0 0	1 8 7	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	24
210 0 0	0 13 10	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	25
125 0 0	1 6 0	...	...	125 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	26
1996 2 2	1 8 0	36 8 11	...	2032 11 1	2424 0 5	290 0 0	2714 0 5	
125 0 0	2 0 4	...	...	125 0 0	189 3 4	...	189 3 4	27
14 0 0	0 18 4	...	200	214 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	28
250 0 0	0 16 2	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	29
225 0 0	1 10 2	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	30
212 11 0	1 4 4	...	...	212 11 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	31
210 0 0	1 3 9	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	160 0 0	360 0 0	32
205 0 0	1 7 8	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	33
125 10 0	1 2 11	75 0 0	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	34
260 0 0	1 16 1	...	...	260 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	35
1626 11 0	1 4 4	75 0 0	200	1901 11 0	1789 3 4	860 0 0	2649 3 4	

(h) Paid by Congregation.

(g) Home Mission grant.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
Carlisle Presbytery.						
36	Bewcastle	58	68	117	£ s. d. 61 4 6	£ s. d. 38 15 6
37	Brampton	67	30	45	10 10 9	76 2 3
38	Carlisle, Fisher Street...	406	<i>n</i> ...	...	60 13 8	200 0 0
39	" Warwick Road ...	297	<i>d</i> ...	...	...	210 0 0
40	Cleator Moor	98	45	46	22 0 0	138 0 0
41	Haltwhistle	31	17	55	11 0 0	69 0 0
42	Harrington	154	36	23	25 4 6	174 15 6
43	Maryport, Crosby Street	127	79	62	31 19 1	108 0 11
44	" John Street	109	68	62	31 5 0	83 5 1
45	Penrith	108	43	40	28 14 6	108 5 6
46	Silloth	70	25	36	37 19 4	33 0 8
47	Whitehaven, High Street	115	60	52	36 7 5	83 12 7
48	" Market Place ...	218	14	6	13 5 6	196 14 6
49	Workington	179	52	29	36 11 6	174 18 9
		2037	537	40	406 15 9	1694 11 3
Darlington Presbytery.						
50	Bishop Auckland	95	48	51	170 0 0	...
51	Crook	92	65	71	58 17 7	48 7 5
52	Darlington	161	<i>d</i> ...	...	72 5 4	132 14 8
53	Grimsby	160	76	48	26 16 6	128 3 6
54	Hartlepool	156	50	32	59 14 0	95 6 0
55	Hull, Holderness Road ...	218	44	20	38 11 7	111 8 5
56	" Prospect Street ...	587	<i>n</i> ...	...	33 7 6	150 0 0
57	" Springbank	117	70	60	87 0 0	38 0 0
58	Middlesborough, Newport Road	124	76	61	48 0 0	127 0 0
59	" Trinity	176	126	72	57 0 0	143 0 0
60	Mount Pleasant, Spennymoor	109	39	36	27 15 6	102 4 6
61	Redcar	90	41	46	35 11 0	139 9 0
62	Stockton, St. Andrew's ...	234	58	25	115 4 6	94 15 6
63	" St. George's	136	50	37	34 8 0	165 12 0
64	Tow Law	81	84	104	40 0 0	40 0 0
65	West Hartlepool	198	80	40	35 17 3	131 9 10
66	Whitby	86	38	44	16 12 7	63 7 5
		2820	945	46	957 1 4	1710 18 3
Liverpool Presbytery.						
67	Birkenhead, Egremont ...	533	65	12	61 1 6	198 18 6
68	" Grange Road	511	27	5	73 14 0	...
69	" Hamilton... ..	158	45	28	52 0 0	150 10 0
70	" Rock Ferry	249	64	26	104 0 0	106 0 0
71	" St. Andrew's	438	100	23	142 0 0	83 0 0
72	" St. Paul's	222	<i>j</i> ...	...	29 10 6	170 9 6
73	" Trinity, Claughton ...	372	71	19	225 0 0	198 0 0
74	Bootle, Trinity... ..	594	<i>j</i> ...	...	8 0 0	...
75	Chester, Chester	81	24	30	16 1 0	83 19 0
76	" Parkgate	68	40	59	185 13 6	19 6 6
Carried forward		3226	436	...	897 0 6	1010 3 6

(n) Quarterly Collections.

(d) Weekly Offering system.

(j) Envelope system.

(*) 36 Belonging to Congregational Mission.

STATEMENT, 1886—*continued.*

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies)	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
100 0 0	1 14 6	12	...	112 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	36	
86 13 0	1 5 10	10	...	96 13 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	37	
260 13 8	0 12 10	...	...	260 13 8	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	38
210 0 0	0 14 2	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	40 0 0	240 0 0	39
160 0 0	1 12 8	14	...	174 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	40	
80 0 0	2 11 7	...	...	80 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	41
200 0 0	1 6 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	12 0 0	212 0 0	42
140 0 0	1 2 1	14	...	154 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	43	
114 10 1	1 1 0	12	...	126 10 1	176 16 7	...	176 16 7	44	
137 0 0	1 5 4	...	...	137 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	45
71 0 0	1 0 3	75	...	146 0 0	146 0 0	20 0 0	166 0 0	46	
120 0 0	1 0 10	12	...	132 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	47	
210 0 0	0 19 3	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	30 0 0	230 0 0	48
211 10 3	1 3 8	...	...	211 10 3	200 0 0	9 13 4	209 13 4	49
2101 7 0	1 0 8	149	...	2250 7 0	2587 16 7	261 13 4	2849 9 11		
170 0 0	1 15 9	...	...	170 0 0	180 6 6	...	180 6 6	50
107 5 0	1 3 4	...	...	107 5 0	117 4 0	...	117 4 0	51
205 0 0	0 15 6	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	75 0 0	275 0 0	52
155 0 0	0 19 5	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	53
155 0 0	0 19 10	12	...	167 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	54	
150 0 0	0 13 9	...	...	150 0 0	188 3 2	...	188 3 2	55
183 7 6	0 6 3	...	...	183 7 6	150 0 0	†225 0 0	†375 0 0	56
125 0 0	1 1 4	*16	...	141 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	57	
175 0 0	1 9 0	...	...	175 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	58
200 0 0	1 2 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	59
130 0 0	1 3 10	12	...	142 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	60	
175 0 0	1 18 11	...	...	175 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	61
210 0 0	0 17 11	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	62
200 0 0	1 9 5	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	63
80 0 0	0 19 9	12	...	92 0 0	†167 0 0	...	†167 0 0	64	
167 7 1	0 17 0	14	...	181 7 1	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	65	
80 0 0	0 18 7	12	...	92 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	66	
2667 19 7	0 18 11	78	...	2745 19 7	3157 13 8	350 0 0	3507 13 8		
260 0 0	0 9 9	...	...	260 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	67
73 14 0	0 10 9	...	200	273 14 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	68	
202 10 0	1 5 8	...	...	202 10 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0	69
210 0 0	0 16 10	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	193 0 0	393 0 0	70
225 0 0	0 10 3	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	71
200 0 0	0 18 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	136 0 0	336 0 0	72
423 0 0	1 2 9	...	...	423 0 0	200 0 0	500 0 0	700 0 0	73
8 0 0	0 7 0	...	200	208 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	74	
100 0 0	1 4 8	30	...	130 0 0	180 0 0	...	180 0 0	75	
205 0 0	3 0 4	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	76
1907 4 0	...	30	400	2337 4 0	1980 0 0	2234 0 0	4214 0 0		

(g) Home Mission Grant.

(f) Including £12 on account of 1885.

(*) Inclusive of £4 from Hewson Charity.

(†) For three-quarters of year.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.	
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	LIVERPOOL PRESBYTERY— <i>continued.</i>						
	Brought forward—	3226	436	...	£ 897 0 6	1010 3 6	
77	Chester, Sutton ...	78	56	72	43 17 3	76 2 9	
78	Isle of Man, Douglas ...	175	103	59	28 10 3	171 9 9	
79	" Ramsey ...	69	15	22	27 0 0	93 0 0	
80	Liverpool, Canning Street ...	†572	146	26	259 15 0	...	
81	" Everton Valley ...	571	85	15	33 13 9	200 0 0	
82	" Fairfield ...	351	50	14	173 0 0	97 0 0	
83	" Islington ..	534	108	20	129 9 2	120 10 10	
84	" Mount Pleasant ...	326	27	8	55 7 6	...	
85	" Princes Road ...	384	120	31	78 0 0	122 0 0	
86	" Queen's Road ...	300	60	20	40 0 6	169 19 6	
87	" St. George's ...	501	90	18	112 0 0	103 0 0	
88	" St. Peter's ...	370	130	35	58 0 0	142 0 0	
89	" Sefton Park ...	682	127	19	568 12 9	...	
90	" Shaw Street ...	170	80	47	45 0 6	154 19 6	
91	" Trinity ...	193	59	31	167 0 0	70 3 2	
92	" Union ...	445	188	42	186 0 0	14 0 0	
93	" Vauxhall Road ...	109	65	60	32 15 8	85 14 4	
94	" Waterloo ...	203	40	20	67 4 2	153 15 10	
95	St. Helen's ...	146	62	42	52 5 6	152 14 6	
96	Southport ...	169	94	20	90 15 10	124 4 2	
		9574	2141	24	3145 8 4	3060 17 10	
	London Presbytery.						
97	Aldershot ...	126	87	69	119 10 9	30 9 3	
98	Aston Throld ...	48	30	62	43 10 0	66 10 0	
99	Bournemouth ...	165	110	67	183 19 3	46 0 9	
100	Brighton, Queen's Road ...	205	85	41	73 0 0	177 0 0	
101	" Trinity ...	120	a	...	220 0 0	...	
102	Canterbury ...	50	27	54	8 19 6	...	
103	Chatham ...	150	50	33	19 19 0	177 9 4	
104	Croydon ...	152	45	30	205 14 3	19 19 9	
105	Darenth ...	18	k	...	...	78 5 0	
106	Eastbourne ...	221	k	...	...	220 0 0	
107	Edenbridge ...	40	d	...	205 0 0	...	
108	Gravesend ...	85	22	26	34 16 0	141 14 4	
109	Guernsey ...	44	19	43	52 0 0	68 0 0	
110	Holybourne ...	19	15	79	107 16 0	3 18 11	
111	Ipswich ...	200	88	44	72 11 3	132 8 9	
112	Jersey ...	269	101	38	52 8 0	167 12 0	
113	Lewes ...	72	34	47	26 2 3	128 17 9	
114	London, Belgrave ...	233	j	...	155 0 6	56 19 6	
115	" Brockley ...	318	174	55	183 9 8	21 10 4	
116	" Camberwell ...	411	75	18	87 0 0	133 0 0	
117	" Camden Road ...	459	214	47	231 11 4	...	
118	" Canonbury ...	160	60	38	49 10 0	150 10 0	
119	" Clapham Road ...	*964	450	47	400 0 0	200 0 0	
120	" Clapton ...	111	28	25	44 0 0	161 0 0	
121	" Crouch Hill ...	302	j	...	79 12 5	...	
	Carried forward ...	4942	1714	...	2655 10 2	2181 5 8	

(†) 50 belonging to Congregational Mission. (a) Collections. (d) Weekly offering system.
(j) Envelope system. (k) No special organisation. (*) 132 belonging to Congregational Mission

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Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1907 4 0	...	30	400	2337 4 0	1980 0 0	2234 0 0	4214 0 0	
120 0 0	1 10 9	...	...	120 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0	77
200 0 0	1 2 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	40 0 0	240 0 0	78
120 0 0	1 14 9	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	79
259 15 0	0 9 1	...	...	259 15 0	200 0 0	522 0 0	722 0 0	80
233 13 9	0 8 2	...	...	233 13 9	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	81
270 0 0	0 15 5	...	...	270 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	82
250 0 0	0 9 4	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	83
55 7 6	0 15 8	...	200	255 7 6	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	84
200 0 0	0 10 5	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	85
210 0 0	0 14 0	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	151 0 0	351 0 0	86
215 0 0	0 8 7	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	87
200 0 0	0 10 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	88
568 12 9	0 16 8	...	...	568 12 9	200 0 0	700 0 0	900 0 0	89
200 0 0	1 3 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	90
237 3 2	1 4 7	...	...	237 3 2	200 0 0	205 0 0	405 0 0	91
200 0 0	0 8 11	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	92
118 10 0	1 1 9	...	...	118 10 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	93
221 0 0	1 1 9	...	...	221 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	94
205 0 0	1 8 1	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	35 0 0	235 0 0	95
215 0 0	1 5 5	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	96
6206 6 2	0 14 3	30	600	6836 6 2	5930 0 0	6637 0 0	12567 0 0	
150 0 0	1 3 10	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	97
110 0 0	2 5 10	...	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	98
230 0 0	1 7 10	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	99
250 0 0	1 4 5	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	100
220 0 0	1 16 8	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	101
8 19 6	3 6 8	157.13.7	...	166 13 1	166 13 1	...	166 13 1	102
197 8 4	1 6 4	...	...	197 8 4	191 13 4	...	191 13 4	103
225 14 0	1 9 8	...	...	225 14 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	104
78 5 0	4 6 11	...	...	78 5 0	122 19 4	...	122 19 4	105
220 0 0	0 19 11	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	500 0 0	700 0 0	106
205 0 0	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	107
176 10 4	2 1 6	...	...	176 10 4	176 10 4	21 9 4	197 19 8	108
120 0 0	2 14 7	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	109
111 14 11	5 17 8	...	...	111 14 11	111 14 11	...	111 14 11	110
205 0 0	1 0 6	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	111
220 0 0	0 16 4	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	120 0 0	320 0 0	112
155 0 0	2 3 1	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	113
212 0 0	0 18 2	...	...	212 0 0	200 0 0	585 12 10	785 12 10	114
205 0 0	0 12 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	115
220 0 0	0 10 8	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	116
231 11 4	0 10 1	...	...	231 11 4	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	117
200 0 0	1 5 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	118
600 0 0	0 12 5	...	...	600 0 0	200 0 0	800 0 0	1000 0 0	119
205 0 0	1 16 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	75 0 0	275 0 0	120
79 12 5	0 18 6	...	200	279 12 5	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	121
4836 15 10	...	157.13.7	200	5194 9 5	4769 11 0	4552 2 2	8321 13 2	

(c) Including £55 allowance to retired Minister.

(a) Paid by Congregation.

(f) Including £185 12s. 10d. to Assistant Minister.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.		
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£	s.	d.
	LONDON PRESBYTERY— <i>continued.</i>					£	s.	d.
	Brought forward—	4942	1714	...	2655	10	2	2181
122	London, Ealing... ..	92	28	30	111	16	7	98
123	" East India Road ...	132	55	42	28	16	9	151
124	" Forest Hill	254	100	39	226	8	9	..
125	" Greenwich	263	j ...	...	166	0	0	34
126	" Hammersmith	188	39	21	44	19	0	165
127	" Hamstead	205	39	19	211	1	6	93
128	" Highbury	*616	130	21	142	10	0	...
129	" Islington	502	85	17	116	0	0	170
130	" Kensington	234	104	45	300	0	0	...
131	" Kingston and Surbiton	119	45	38	55	3	0	144
132	" Marylebone	886	200	23	534	15	0	...
133	" Millwall	m 98	e ...	...	16	2	3	118
134	" New Barnet	77	k ...	...	...	...	...	210
135	" Notting Hill	325	110	33	270	0	0	...
136	" Oxendon	212	71	33	61	11	6	138
137	" Putney	69	k ...	...	...	...	...	5
138	" Regent Square	810	220	27	719	0	0	21
139	" Richmond	107	58	54	108	0	0	92
140	" St. John's Wood	†948	237	25	498	15	9	...
141	" Silvertown	127	91	72	55	8	3	84
142	" Somers Town	893	40	5	34	8	8	165
143	" South Kensington ...	207	45	22	194	0	0	6
144	" Southwark	124	90	73	33	8	3	96
145	" Stepney	143	36	25	37	9	6	167
146	" Stoke Newington	152	10	7	8	15	0	191
147	" Stratford	296	80	27	32	12	10	167
148	" Streatham	184	43	23	151	13	9	58
149	" Tooting	67	25	37	11	13	2	88
150	" Tottenham	173	119	69	162	9	10	62
151	" Upper Norwood	246	50	20	259	8	6	...
152	" Victoria Docks	151	78	52	113	16	2	38
153	" Wandsworth	217	60	28	118	0	0	104
154	" Westbourne Grove ...	229	e ...	...	40	0	0	...
155	" Whitefield	65	k ...	...	...	...	...	137
156	" Willesden	266	j ...	...	167	0	0	63
157	" Wood Green	242	90	37	122	0	0	83
158	" Woolwich, New Road ...	232	83	36	75	17	6	145
159	" " St. Andrew's ...	239	70	29	73	2	0	146
160	" Norwich	232	89	38	80	0	0	125
161	" Portsmouth	131	k ...	...	...	...	...	200
162	" St. Leonards, Silverhill ...	85	36	42	70	13	6	74
163	" Warrior Sq.	152	52	34	34	12	11	...
164	" Southampton, St. Andrew's	251	30	12	28	0	0	182
165	" " Totton... ..	46	43	93	22	14	0	87
166	" " Woolston	110	e ...	...	21	11	5	128
167	" Wallington	108	49	45	51	0	0	149
		16147	4544	32	8266	5	6	6375

(j) Envelope system.

(*) 159 belonging to Congregational Mission.

(k) No special organisation.

† 194 belonging to Congregational Mission.

(e) No return.

(m) No return; last year's figures inserted.

STATEMENT, 1886—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
4836 15 10	...	157 13 7	...	200	5194 9 5	4769 11 0	4552 2 2	9321 13 2	
210 0 0	2 5 8	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	122
180 6 0	1 7 :	...	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	123
226 8 9	0 17 10	...	...	...	226 8 9	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	124
200 0 0	0 15 3	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	305 0 0	505 0 0	125
210 0 0	1 2 4	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	126
305 0 0	1 9 9	...	...	...	305 0 0	200 0 0	519 10 0	719 10 0	127
142 10 0	0 11 1	...	...	200	342 10 0	200 0 0	800 0 0	1000 0 0	128
286 3 1	0 11 5	...	...	...	286 3 1	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	129
300 0 0	1 5 8	...	...	...	300 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	130
200 0 0	1 13 7	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	23 15 0	223 15 0	131
534 15 0	0 12 1	...	...	...	534 15 0	200 0 0	850 0 0	1050 0 0	132
134 9 4	1 7 4	...	...	...	134 9 4	230 0 0	...	230 0 0	133
210 0 0	2 14 7	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	82 0 0	282 0 0	134
270 0 0	0 16 7	...	...	...	270 0 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	135
200 0 0	0 18 10	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	136
5 0 0	2 19 5	...	...	200	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	137
740 0 0	0 18 5	...	...	...	740 0 0	200 0 0	1600 0 0	1200 0 0	138
200 0 0	1 17 5	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	139
498 15 9	0 14 8	...	...	200	698 15 9	200 0 0	1000 0 0	1200 0 0	140
140 0 0	1 2 1	600 0 0	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	141
200 0 0	0 4 0	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	142
200 0 0	0 19 4	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	143
130 0 0	1 1 6	...	...	...	130 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	144
205 0 0	1 8 8	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	145
200 0 0	1 6 4	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 9 0	350 0 0	146
200 0 0	0 13 6	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	147
210 0 0	1 2 10	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	148
100 0 0	1 9 10	...	...	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	10 0 0	110 0 0	149
225 0 0	1 6 0	...	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	120 0 0	320 0 0	150
259 8 6	1 1 1	...	...	...	259 8 6	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	151
152 10 0	1 0 2	...	...	...	152 10 0	177 10 0	...	177 10 0	152
222 0 0	1 0 6	...	...	...	222 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	153
40 0 0	1 1 0	...	...	200	240 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	154
137 10 8	2 2 4	...	...	...	137 10 8	137 10 8	...	137 10 8	155
230 0 0	0 17 4	...	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	156
205 0 0	0 16 11	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	125 0 0	325 0 0	157
221 0 0	0 19 1	...	...	...	221 0 0	200 0 0	230 0 0	430 0 0	158
220 0 0	0 18 5	...	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	159
205 0 0	0 17 8	...	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	160
200 0 0	1 10 6	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	161
145 0 0	1 14 1	...	...	...	145 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	162
34 12 11	1 6 4	165 7 1	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	163
210 0 0	0 16 4	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	136 0 0	336 0 0	164
110 0 0	2 7 10	...	...	...	110 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	165
150 0 0	1 7 3	...	...	...	150 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0	166
200 0 0	1 17 0	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	167
14641 19 10	0 19 8	383 0 8	1000	16025 0 6	13719 11 8	14553 7 2	28272 18 10		

(†) Including arrears for 1885. (g) Home Mission Grant. (h) Paid by Congregation. (§) For three-quarters.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
Manchester Presbytery.						
168	Blackburn, Mount Street ...	62	30	48	£ s. d. 17 9 3	£ s. d. 102 10 9
169	Bolton	285	74	26	35 0 0	175 0 0
170	Bradford	271	85	31	133 0 0	79 5 9
171	Crewe	125	40	32	46 11 8	73 8 4
172	Leeds, Cavendish Road ...	255	133	52	93 19 1	106 0 11
173	„ St. Columba	124	60	48	49 3 7	54 11 3
174	Manchester, Ancoats ...	250	b 60	24	162 0 0	38 0 0
175	„ Bowdon	99	k ...	...	...	13 15 6
176	„ Brunswick Street ...	† 341	49	14	24 1 0	200 0 0
177	„ Eccles	73	22	30	22 10 0	127 10 0
178	„ Grosvenor Square ...	324	36	11	65 0 0	200 0 9
179	„ Higher Broughton ...	123	k ...	...	...	26 11 4
180	„ Longsight	178	60	34	46 6 4	63 13 8
181	„ Pendleton	203	k ...	...	...	202 0 0
182	„ St. Andrew's	263	53	20	42 0 0	168 0 0
183	„ Sale	201	33	16	126 0 0	94 0 0
184	„ Salford	189	100	52	52 0 8	147 19 4
185	„ Trinity	231	78	34	30 0 0	184 10 0
186	„ Whalley Range ...	328	a ...	...	28 14 2	...
187	„ Withington	265	50	19	88 16 8	...
188	Ramsbottom	115	a ...	...	29 14 7	120 5 5
189	Rochdale	121	k ...	...	...	200 0 0
190	Sheffield	255	92	36	54 0 0	151 0 0
191	Warrington	80	30	37	36 7 9	73 12 3
192	Wharton	81	64	79	13 12 3	101 7 9
193	Wigan	179	84	47	57 18 6	47 1 6
		5021	1233	31	1254 5 6	2750 4 6
Newcastle Presbytery.						
194	Bellingham	140	100	71	30 12 4	119 7 8
195	Blackhill	185	60	32	16 0 0	...
196	Blyth, Bridge Street ...	65	30	46	5 0 0	31 5 0
197	„ Waterloo Road ...	247	k ...	...	...	3 3 0
198	Durham	139	70	50	35 7 4	164 12 8
199	Falstone	161	179	111	49 0 0	102 18 7
200	Forest Hall	52	45	87	9 8 5	49 9 7
201	Gateshead, Durham Road	378	k ...	...	...	3 0 0
202	„ Ellison Street ...	270	62	23	20 8 7	180 6 9
203	Hebburn	232	119	51	36 10 0	138 10 0
204	Hexham	225	90	40	...	216 0 0
205	Houghton-le-Spring ...	125	60	48	26 4 6	103 15 6
206	Jarrow, Ellison Street ...	514	a ...	...	1 16 2	...
207	„ St. Kilda's	96	41	43	18 1 4	93 17 0
208	Newcastle, Barras Bridge	511	150	29	45 19 8	...
209	„ Blackett Street ...	577	75	13	60 0 0	...
210	„ Heaton	120	60	50	17 9 1	122 10 11
211	„ John Knox	† 518	75	14	45 0 0	200 0 0
212	„ St. George's	302	e ...	...	4 8 0	...
213	„ Trinity	* 938	144	15	83 5 0	198 3 0
	Carried forward	5795	1360	...	504 10 5	1726 19 8

(b) Besides about 140 Sabbath School contributors.

(k) No special organisation.

(†) 84 belonging to Congregational Mission.

(a) Collections.

(•) 102 belonging to Congregational Mission.

(e) No return.

(‡) 53 belonging to Congregational Mission.

STATEMENT, 1886—*continued.*

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.			Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).			Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.			Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).			No.				
Total Amount.		Rate per Member.																			
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
120	0	0	1	18	9	...	...	120	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	168		
210	0	0	0	14	9	...	...	210	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	169
212	5	9	0	15	8	...	...	212	5	9	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	170
120	0	0	0	19	2	120	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	171
200	0	0	0	15	8	...	...	200	0	9	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	172
103	14	10	0	16	9	103	14	10	145	4	11	...	145	4	11	173			173
200	0	0	0	16	0	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	174
13	15	6	2	3	2	...	200	213	15	6	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	175	
224	1	0	0	13	2	...	...	224	1	0	200	0	0	225	0	0	425	0	0	176
150	0	0	2	1	1	150	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	177
265	0	9	0	16	4	...	...	265	0	9	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	178
26	11	4	1	16	9	...	200	226	11	4	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0	179	
110	0	0	0	12	4	f110	0	0	f100	0	0	...	f100	0	0	500	0	0	180
202	0	0	0	19	11	...	...	202	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	181
210	0	0	0	16	0	...	...	210	0	0	200	0	0	220	0	0	420	0	0	182
220	0	0	1	1	11	...	...	220	0	0	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0	183
200	0	0	1	1	2	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	184
214	10	0	0	18	7	...	...	214	10	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	185
28	14	2	0	13	11	...	200	228	14	2	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0	186	
88	16	8	1	1	10	...	200	288	16	8	200	0	0	305	0	0	505	0	0	187	
150	0	0	1	6	1	150	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	188
200	0	0	1	13	1	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	189
205	0	0	0	16	1	...	...	205	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	190
110	0	0	1	7	6	110	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	191
115	0	0	1	8	5	12	...	127	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	192
105	0	0	0	11	9	14	...	119	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	193
4004	10	0	0	15	11	26	800	4830	10	0	5045	4	11	2750	0	0	7795	4	11		
150	0	0	1	1	5	150	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	194
16	0	0	1	3	4	...	200	216	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	195
16	5	0	0	11	2	36	5	0	72	10	0	...	72	10	0	200	0	0	196
3	3	0	0	16	5	...	200	203	3	0	200	0	0	5	0	0	205	0	0	197	
200	0	0	1	8	9	200	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	198
151	18	7	0	18	10	151	18	7	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	199
58	18	0	1	2	8	58	18	0	107	9	0	...	107	9	0	200	0	0	200
3	0	0	0	10	9	...	200	203	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	201	
200	15	4	0	14	10	200	15	4	\$200	15	4	...	\$200	15	4	200	0	0	202
175	0	0	0	15	1	175	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	203
216	0	0	0	19	2	...	...	216	0	0	200	0	0	30	0	0	230	0	0	204
130	0	0	0	10	9	130	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	205
1	16	2	0	7	10	...	200	201	16	2	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	206	
111	18	4	1	3	4	111	18	4	131	3	1	...	131	3	1	200	0	0	207
45	19	8	0	9	8	...	200	245	19	8	200	0	0	560	0	0	760	0	0	208	
60	0	0	0	9	0	...	200	260	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	209	
140	0	0	1	3	4	12	...	152	0	0	200	0	0	...	200	0	0	200	0	0	210
245	0	0	0	9	6	...	...	245	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	211
4	8	0	0	13	6	...	200	204	8	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	212	
281	8	0	0	6	0	...	...	281	8	0	200	0	0	600	0	0	800	0	0	213
2251	10	1	...		12	1400	3643	10	1	3711	17	5	1995	0	0	5706	17	5			

() For portion of year.

(\$) Including balance for 1885.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.		
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£	s.	d.
	NEWCASTLE PRESBYTERY— <i>cont.</i>					£	s.	d.
	Brought forward—	5795	136	...	504 10 5	1726	19	8
214	Newcastle, Westmoreland Rd.	556	64	11	36 12 6	...		
215	North Shields, Howard Street	339	125	37	36 13 0	173	7	0
216	„ Northumberland Square ...	330	38	12	30 0 0	...		
217	Seaham	98	40	41	11 11 4	...		
218	Seaton Burn	98	7	7	3 5 8	76	14	4
219	Seaton Delaval	119	34	29	24 19 6	100	0	8
220	South Shields, Laygate ...	399	125	31	30 0 0	...		
221	„ St. Paul's	298	31	10	8 0 0	...		
222	Stamfordham	70	70	100	47 9 6	52	10	6
223	Sunderland, North Bridge Street	163	37	23	44 17 10	160	2	2
224	„ St. George's	440	129	29	58 8 6	191	11	6
225	„ St. Stephen's	134	43	32	22 9 8	127	10	4
226	„ Smyrna	221	k	...	...	200	9	0
227	„ Trinity	374	60	16	15 0 0	...		
228	Swalwell	70	22	31	6 11 6	85	18	6
229	Walker	187	13	7	2 18 1	152	1	11
230	Wark	110	23	21	1 13 1	87	12	11
231	Willington Quay	130	60	46	19 17 10	180	2	2
		9931	2281	28	904 18 5	3314	11	8
	Northumberland Presbytery.							
232	Alnwick, Lisburn Street ...	127	34	27	14 8 3	140	0	0
233	„ St. James's	386	75	19	21 4 5	183	15	7
234	Bavington	95	51	54	24 5 0	80	15	0
235	Bedlington	115	80	70	19 7 7	85	12	5
236	Birdhopecraig	118	124	105	41 13 1	78	6	11
237	Branton	238	30	13	7 2 0	152	18	0
238	Embleton	204	n	...	13 3 1	116	16	11
239	Felton	133	54	41	7 17 9	102	2	3
240	Ganton	230	n	...	22 10 0	142	11	0
241	Harbottle	215	100	46	12 0 9	114	0	0
242	Longframlington	56	28	50	22 12 0	38	8	0
243	Morpeth	317	70	22	21 5 0	193	15	0
244	Newbiggin	118	61	52	15 8 6	79	11	6
245	North Middleton	90	54	60	18 18 6	81	1	6
246	North Sunderland	226	n	...	9 8 11	140	11	1
247	Otterburn	107	60	56	28 19 9	79	0	3
248	Thropton	137	35	26	22 10 6	83	9	9
249	Warenford	200	50	25	9 10 11	105	11	10
250	Warkworth	206	40	19	15 15 10	109	4	2
251	Widdrington	155	24	15	30 0 0	80	0	0
252	Wooler, Cheviot Street ...	315	k	...	1 0 0	199	0	0
253	„ Tower Hill	142	32	23	7 16 6	92	3	6
254	„ West	260	62	24	30 0 0	140	0	0
		4190	1064	33	416 18 4	2618	14	8

(k) No special organisation.

(n) Quarterly collections.

STATEMENT, 1886—continued.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£		£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2231 10 1	...	12	1400	3643 10 1	3711 17 5	1995 0 0	5706 17 5		
36 12 6	0 8 6	...	200	236 12 6	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		214
210 0 0	0 12 5	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	190 0 0	390 0 0		215
30 0 0	0 13 11	...	200	230 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0		216
11 11 4	2 0 10	188.8.8	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		217
80 0 0	0 17 0	14	...	94 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		218
125 0 2	1 1 0	12	...	137 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		219
30 0 0	0 11 6	...	200	230 0 0	200 0 0	185 0 0	385 0 0		220
8 0 0	0 14 0	...	200	208 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0		221
100 0 0	1 8 7	10	...	110 0 0	185 0 0	...	185 0 0		222
205 0 0	1 5 2	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0		223
250 0 0	0 11 4	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		224
150 0 0	1 2 5	14	...	164 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		225
200 0 0	0 13 1	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0		226
15 0 0	0 11 6	...	200	215 0 0	200 0 0	225 0 0	425 0 0		227
92 10 0	1 6 5	...	...	92 10 0	131 2 11	...	131 2 11		228
155 0 0	0 16 7	...	...	155 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		229
89 6 0	0 16 3	...	...	89 6 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		230
200 0 0	1 10 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		231
4219 10 1	0 13 9	250 8 8	2400	6869 18 9	7093 0 4	3445 0 0	10538 0 4		
154 8 3	1 4 4	...	...	154 8 3	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		232
205 0 0	0 10 7	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		233
105 0 0	1 2 1	13	...	118 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		234
105 0 0	0 18 3	12	...	117 0 0	170 0 0	...	170 0 0		235
120 0 0	1 0 3	12	...	132 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		236
160 0 0	0 13 5	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		237
130 0 0	0 12 9	10	...	140 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		238
110 0 0	0 16 6	14	...	124 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		239
165 1 0	0 14 4	...	...	165 1 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		240
126 0 9	0 11 9	12	...	138 0 9	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		241
61 0 0	1 1 9	15	...	76 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		242
215 0 0	0 13 7	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	75 0 0	275 0 0		243
95 0 0	0 16 1	12	...	107 0 0	177 10 0	...	177 10 0		244
100 0 0	1 2 3	10	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		245
150 0 0	0 13 3	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		246
108 0 0	1 0 2	...	...	108 0 0	170 0 0	...	170 0 0		247
106 0 3	0 15 6	14	...	120 0 3	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		248
115 2 9	0 11 6	...	...	115 2 9	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		249
125 0 0	0 12 2	...	...	125 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		250
110 0 0	0 14 2	14	...	124 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		251
200 0 0	0 12 8	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	25 0 0	225 0 0		252
100 0 0	0 14 1	...	...	100 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0		253
170 0 0	0 13 1	...	...	170 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		254
3035 13 0	0 14 6	138	...	3173 13 0	4422 10 0	100 0 0	4522 10 0		

(h) Paid by congregation.

TABLE SHOWING SUM-

No.	PRESBYTERIES.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
1	Berwick	3355	735	30	£ s. d. 233 0 3	£ s. d. 1260 7 4
2	Birmingham	1458	434	33	458 3 7	1537 18 7
3	Bristol	1499	707	56	611 8 7	1015 2 5
4	Carlisle	2037	537	40	406 15 9	1694 11 3
5	Darlington	2820	945	46	957 1 4	1710 18 3
6	Liverpool	9574	2141	24	3145 8 4	3060 17 10
7	London	16447	4544	32	8266 5 6	6375 14 4
8	Manchester	5021	1233	31	1254 5 6	2750 4 6
9	Newcastle	9931	2281	28	904 18 5	3314 11 8
10	Northumberland	4190	1064	33	416 18 4	2618 14 8
		50332	14621	31	16654 5 7	25339 0 10

MARY OF RECEIPTS, &c.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Con- gregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1493 7 7	0 10 1	104 0 0	200	1797 7 7	2439 7 0	300 0 0	2739 7 0		1
1996 2 2	1 8 0	36 8 11	...	2032 11 1	2424 0 5	290 0 0	2714 0 5		2
1626 11 0	1 4 4	75 0 0	200	1901 11 0	1789 3 4	860 0 0	2649 3 4		3
2101 7 0	1 0 8	149 0 0	...	2250 7 0	2587 16 7	261 13 4	2849 9 11		4
2667 19 7	0 18 11	78 0 0	...	2745 19 7	3157 13 8	350 0 0	3507 13 8		5
6206 6 2	0 14 3	30 0 0	600	6836 6 2	5930 0 0	6637 0 0	12567 0 0		6
14641 19 10	0 19 5	383 0 8	1000	16025 0 6	13719 11 8	14553 7 2	28272 18 10		7
4004 10 0	0 15 11	26 0 0	800	4830 10 0	5045 4 11	2750 0 0	7795 4 11		8
4219 10 1	0 13 9	250 8 8	2400	6869 18 9	7093 0 4	3445 0 0	10538 0 4		9
3035 13 0	0 14 6	138 0 0	...	3173 13 0	4422 10 0	100 0 0	4522 10 0		10
41993 6 5	1 0 4	1269 18 3	5200	48463 4 8	48608 7 11	29547 0 6	78155 8 5		

APPENDIX B. CLASSIFICATION OF CONGREGATIONS WITH THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

PRESBYTERIES.	AID-RECEIVING.				AID-GIVING.				NEITHER AID-GIVING NOR AID-RECEIVING.				UNCON- NECTED.		TOTAL.	
	Equal Dividend.		Less than Equal Dividend.		Participating.		Non-Participating.		Receiving Equal Dividend.		Receiving less than Equal Dividend— Church Extension Charges.		Church Extension.	Old Charges.	Congregations.	Amount.
	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.				
Berwick ...	9	£ 1,062 4 6	2	£ 170 3 1	...	£ ...	1	£ 61 0 0	1	£ 200 0 0	...	£ ...	...	2	15	£ 1,493 7 7
Birmingham ...	5	715 0 0	3	251 2 2	3	630 0 0	...	...	2	400 0 0	...	...	1	1	15	1,996 2 2
Bristol ...	1	125 0 0	...	...	6	1,362 11 0	1	14 0 0	...	...	1	125 0 0	...	...	9	1,626 11 0
Carlisle ...	4	557 0 0	4	381 3 1	4	892 3 11	...	...	1	200 0 0	1	71 0 0	...	...	14	2,101 0 0
Darlington ...	10	1,509 12 1	2	160 0 0	3	598 7 6	...	...	2	400 0 0	...	...	3	...	20	2,667 19 7
Liverpool ...	2	238 10 0	2	220 0 0	17	4,410 14 8	3	137 1 6	6	1,200 0 0	...	...	3	1	34	6,206 6 2
London ...	8	1,124 9 4	3	340 15 0	36	9,351 9 0	5	765 18 2	12	2,350 0 0	7	709 8 4	6	4	81	14,641 19 10
Manchester ...	8	973 14 10	...	...	10	2,072 17 6	4	157 17 8	4	800 0 0	...	...	2	2	30	4,004 10 0
Newcastle...	9	1,148 15 2	5	442 0 11	6	1,407 8 0	12	253 19 4	4	890 15 4	2	166 11 4	1	5	44	4,219 10 1
Northumberland...	15	1,946 13 0	5	349	2	420 0 0	...	...	1	200 0 0	...	...	...	1	24	3,035 13 0
1886 ...	71	9,400 18 11	26	2,434 4 3	87	21,145 11 7	26	1,389 16 8	33	6,550 15 4	11	1,071 19 8	16	16	286	41,993 6 5
1885 ...	73	9,639 13 2	25	2,138 15 4	83	20,321 15 5	25	1,432 13 5	40	7,975 9 8	10	953 10 11	11	17	284	42,461 17 11
1878 ...	88	11,339 8 4	15	1,311 7 10	73	18,216 4 2	28	1,131 6 7	17	3,400 0 0	6	500 17 11	22	20	269	35,899 4 10

APPENDIX D. RELATION OF PRESBYTERIES TO AID NEEDED AND FURNISHED.

PRESBYTERIES.	Aid needed.		Aid supplied.		Net Amount to which Aid-receiving.		Net Amount to which Aid-giving.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick ...	757 0 0	702 19 5	62 14 0	61 0 0	694 6 0	641 19 5	...	...
Birmingham ...	351 2 5	421 9 4	18 15 0	30 0 0	332 7 5	391 9 4	...	...
Bristol ...	66 6 10	64 3 4	177 0 0	176 11 0	...	...	110 13 2	112 7 8
Carlisle ...	374 8 0	429 13 6	95 10 3	92 3 11	278 17 9	337 9 7	...	...
Darlington ...	548 2 6	460 1 7	41 11 0	48 7 6	506 11 6	411 14 1	...	...
Liverpool ...	241 5 0	241 10 0	1,188 9 9	1,147 16 2	...	...	947 4 9	906 6 2
London ...	610 5 7	620 5 0	3,071 7 10	2,925 13 10	...	...	2,461 2 3	2,305 8 10
Manchester ...	519 0 0	545 10 1	315 13 5	330 15 2	203 6 7	214 14 11	...	...
Newcastle ...	724 7 10	684 8 11	488 17 3	461 7 4	235 10 7	223 1 7	...	...
Northumberland	1,217 15 9	1,268 17 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	1,197 15 9	1,248 17 0	...	...
Total ...	5,409 13 11	5,488 18 2	5,479 18 6	5,293 14 11	3,448 15 7	3,469 5 11	3,519 0 2	3,324 2 8

III.

HOME MISSION REPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE new organisation has now been in operation for two years. It is still perhaps a little early to pronounce any judgment on its general efficacy. Each Board has, in its own way, gone heartily into the work entrusted to it. In the North-Eastern Board, more than in either of the other two, both the advantages and the drawbacks attending the new arrangements have been experienced. The energy and success with which the Congregation at Whitby has been extricated from an extraordinary environment of financial difficulties afford a very striking example of what can be accomplished when local intelligence and interest are thoroughly awakened, and reflect the highest credit on that Board, and especially upon Messrs. Robert Amos and William Sutton, who acted in the matter. On the other hand, it has been made abundantly clear that the financial resources of that Board, so far at least as they have been yet developed, are not such as to offer them scope for such energetic and aggressive activity as are desirable in that important district of the country. The difficulty has been partially met by taking into account the peculiar position of this Board in connection with the distribution of the Common Funds placed at the disposal of the Committee, which it will probably be increasingly necessary to apportion among the Boards in such a way as will rectify inequalities in obligations and resources.

The following is the substance of the Reports furnished by the three Boards, first in relation to their activity in their several districts, and then in relation to Evangelistic work.

A.—THE WORK OF THE BOARDS.

1. NORTH-EASTERN BOARD.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Board in connection with the Congregations that have come under their care :—

Whitby.—The Board is gratified in being able to report that the financial position of the Congregation at Whitby, which was a cause of grave anxiety to the Board, has now been placed on a more satisfactory footing.

£1,357 17s. 2d. was raised by subscription for the Congregation ; the mortgage has been lifted, and there remains now only a debt of £1,000, which sum has been borrowed on personal security and the deposit of the title deeds.

Forest Hall, formerly Killingworth.—The Board has paid to the Congregation the whole of the grant of £250. The Church has been completed at a cost of £1,113 6s. 3d., leaving a debt of £407 1s. 8d. The Congregation has the prospect of having a minister settled over it in a few weeks.

Tynemouth, Cullercoats, and Whitley.—The Church Extension Committee of the Newcastle Presbytery are taking steps towards the building of a new Church at Cullercoats on a site convenient for the residents at Tynemouth and Whitley.

Stanhope Street District, Newcastle.—The Newcastle Presbytery, with the sanction of the Board, has opened a preaching station in this district.

Jesmond, Newcastle.—Mention was made last year of the proposal to build a new Church in this district. A suitable site having been secured, and plans approved of, it is fully expected the building of a Church will be commenced early this spring.

2. NORTH-WESTERN AND MIDLAND BOARD.

This Board held five meetings during the year, which were well attended, besides several meetings of the Executive. The attention of the Board has been chiefly directed to the ordinary work assigned it, and the guidance of several Congregations engaged in building operations or in the extinction of debt. No extension has been made during the year, as the Church Building Fund at present did not warrant the undertaking of any new enterprise. This subject, however, is under consideration, and the Board is quite alive to the importance of this branch of the work.

The following account is given of the Congregations under the care of the Board :—

The new Church at *Whalley Range*, Manchester, for the united Congregations of Coupland Street and Whalley Range, was opened on September 28, 1886, and soon will be in a condition to claim the grant of £500 in effect promised to them by the General Home Mission Committee some years ago, and subsequently confirmed by the District Board.

The Congregation at *West Kirby*, in the Presbytery of Liverpool, has prospered under the ministrations of Rev. P. M. Kirkland, probationer. Mr. Kirkland was called to the pastorate of this Congregation on February 24. He accepted of the same, and his ordination took place on March 24. Their new Church was opened on Easter Sunday, 1887. The building will accommodate 350, the contract for the erection of the same being £1,250. The Congregation hope to wipe off the whole within the next two or three years.

The settlement of the Rev. Thomas Boyd, M.A., at *Oldham* gives high promise of the success of this new Congregation. It has been arranged that their new Church be opened during the sitting of the Synod at Manchester. The estimated expenditure on the building is about £2,000, towards which more than one-half has been secured.

During the past year the new Church at *Silloth* was opened under favourable auspices. The whole cost is about £700, furnishing adequate accommodation for present wants. A comparatively small debt will remain when the whole enterprise is completed.

Much earlier than was anticipated, the Congregation at *Walton*, in the

Presbytery of Liverpool, has reached the self-sustaining point, and has intimated its ability to dispense with the grant it has received for some years, and to undertake Home Mission work in its neighbourhood.

Grants have been made from the Home Mission Fund to the Congregation of *Walsall*, £50; *Silloth*, £75; *Oldham*, £75; *Risley*, £40; *Tunley*, £40; *Nottingham*, for Evangelistic work in Hyson Green, £25; *Great Salkeld*, £20; *Penruddock*, £29; *St. Peter's Church*, Liverpool, for Evangelistic work, £30; *Salford*, Manchester, £50.

From the Church Building Fund grants have been paid to *Hanley*, £180; to *Silloth*, £200; and *Oldham*, £125.

3. SOUTHERN BOARD.

During the past year the Board has not been in a position to originate any movement—the funds at its disposal being inadequate to meet existing needs, and it was felt to be useless to make an effort to obtain additional income such as would warrant any new departure. To meet even the claims for which the Board was made responsible when it was established, involved an expenditure of about £200 in excess of income, so that the balance which was in hand on the apportionment of funds when the Board began its work has been considerably reduced. An attempt is being made, by sending Deputies to Congregations, to excite greater interest in the work of the Board; but in the meantime it can only watch over and seek to consolidate existing interests. The following are the only Congregations requiring notice:—

At *Brondesbury* a Hall, to form part of the permanent ecclesiastical buildings, has been erected and was opened for worship on November 14 last.

The Congregation at *East Dulwich*, leave to sanction which as a regular charge was given at last Synod, have called a Minister, and the Board has made a grant of £100 towards his stipend.

The Church at *Highgate* is now nearly completed, and will probably be opened immediately after the meeting of Synod. The Committee in charge are earnestly looking for a suitable Minister, whose induction they desire to make coincident with the opening of the Church.

At *Wimbledon* the Hall referred to in last report has been erected. Unfortunately, the Congregation is still without a Minister, but they are in good heart and hopeful as to the future. A grant of £250 was made to this Congregation from the Church Building Fund towards the erection of the Hall, which is to be taken into account in any grant which may be made towards the erection of a Church. The first half of the grant has been paid.

In addition to the grant to Wimbledon conditional grants from the Church Building Fund have been made to *Ealing* £750, *Blackheath* £750, *Wallington* £750.

FINANCE.

It will be noted that, as shown in the Church Accounts, each of the Boards shows credit Balances both on the General Fund and on that for Church Building and Debt Extinction. In connection with the former it will be noticed that there is a Reserve Fund of £750, increased to £1,250 since the close of 1886 by the Legacy of Miss Mary Barbour, the expenditure of which it has been arranged to spread over a term of years. The Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund is in a less

satisfactory condition, as the grants made provisionally by the various Boards up to the end of 1886 exceeded the money in hand by so large an amount as £2,609 11s. 5d. The position of the several Boards in this matter at the close of the year was as follows, viz.:—

	Credit Balance.			Liabilities.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
North-Eastern Board	305	19	7	750	0	0
North-Western and Midland Board ...	1,255	5	0	2,200	0	0
Southern Board	3,841	14	0	5,062	10	0
Total	£5,402	18	7	£8,012	10	0

These figures have been considerably varied since the close of the year, *but by no means for the better*. It is highly desirable that funds should be collected as soon as possible to the amount necessary to meet all existing grants, and that thereafter grants should only be made from funds actually in hand.

B.—EVANGELISTIC WORK.

(I.) THE NORTH-EASTERN BOARD.

1. PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

The Rev. Robert Stewart, Convener, reports:—‘I believe that during the past year there has been an exceptional amount of Congregational Mission work. Nearly every Congregation in our large towns has been engaged in special efforts to reach the masses, and from all we have received the most encouraging reports. Our country Congregations have been specially active in carrying on cottage services, and with marked and blessed results. There has been considerable activity in many of our Congregations in the direction of special Evangelistic services. Such services, extending over periods of one, two, and three weeks, have been held in connection with Blackett Street, John Knox, Erskine, and Barras-bridge Churches, Newcastle; Elison Street and Durham Road Churches, Gateshead; Howard Street and Northumberland Square Churches, North Shields; St. John’s Church, South Shields, &c. The results have been of a most gratifying kind. All the reports speak of quickened and increased spiritual life among their members, and the ingathering of many into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is much promise that during the coming year there will be great and extended effort put forth by our Churches in Mission and Evangelistic work.

2. PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The nature of this district is such that it does not lend itself to Mission work properly so-called. The exceptions are Newton-on-the-Moor, Buller’s Green (Morpeth), from which two members were added to the Church this year, and the interesting new departure at Ashington, which is at present engaging the Presbytery’s attention.

Though there is little or no Missionary visitation, its place is taken and a similar work is done in several Congregations by a large distribution of the ‘Monthly Visitor.’ If the distributors are well chosen they may do real Mission work by speaking a word for Christ, giving an invitation to Church, or reporting to Ministers cases of lapsing. Lisburn Street and St. James’s,

Alnwick; Glanton, Harbottle, Longframlington, N. Sunderland, and Warenford have reported a regular distribution of tracts by a staff of workers numbering from three to fourteen. Morpeth and Wooler have an undenominational distribution, in which Presbyterians take a large share. Embleton is making arrangements for a similar work.

The large area covered by our country charges may be gathered from the fact that one Minister has eight centres where district meetings are held; another ten, two others twelve, and one sixteen. The attendance at such meetings averages 30. In a district to the north-east of Wooler from 90 to 120 have been present this winter. While such extensive work is very good, probably concentration of energy in a few well-chosen centres would be better both for people and Ministers. To meet this, however, little preaching-halls would require to be built, as the accommodation afforded by cottages is both inadequate and unhealthy. These halls would also be of great service for Sabbath School work. A few hundred pounds would set this scheme afloat.

Of Mission Schools only one is reported on—that at Buller's Green, Morpeth, with 110 scholars and 10 teachers. Eleven district schools, with rolls from 10 to 50, are reported from St. James's, Alnwick; Glanton, Harbottle, Warenford, Wooler. Ministers confess there might be about twenty more such schools started in the Presbytery if suitable teachers and meeting-places could be secured.

There has been little special evangelistic work during the year. Services extending for a week or so were held at Embleton, Longframlington, Buller's Green, N. Sunderland, and in the West Church, Wooler. Results:—‘Young men more eager to engage in Church work;’ ‘a few professed conversion;’ ‘revived local interest and general impulse;’ ‘quickenings and blessing received by God's children;’ ‘some cases of anxiety.’ Harbottle had a special effort in district work this spring with most encouraging results. Bedlington purposes having a series of meetings in April.

3. PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

Evangelistic work has been prosecuted with considerable vigour within the bounds of the Presbytery during the year. At Belford, Beaumont, and Spittal, special meetings were held, extending from one to two weeks. The Ministers were assisted by clerical brethren in the neighbourhood, and also by accredited evangelists. As usual in the town of Berwick, joint meetings of all the Presbyterian Congregations were held. The meeting place was Church Street Church, and all the services, extending over a fortnight, were well attended. From all these places come favourable reports of good work done. The careless have been awakened, and God's people have been refreshed.

Cottage meetings are systematically held in all the rural Congregations. This is found to be one of the best agencies for meeting the spiritual needs of the people. At many of these meetings tracts are distributed, while in several Congregations there is systematic Tract Distribution.

During last summer Holy Island Station, where one of our probationers is located, was the scene of much spiritual blessing. A series of most successful meetings were held, at which several of the visitors spoke with power and effect.

4. PRESBYTERY OF DARLINGTON.

The lamented death of Rev. Thomas Boyd, of Bishop Auckland, the late Convener, has made a change in the convenership necessary; and his decease, and that of Rev. T. Dods, of Crook, have prevented a report being submitted from Bishop Auckland and from Crook.

During the past year special Evangelistic Services have been conducted in connection with the following Congregations:—Grimsby, Prospect Street (Hull), Newport Road (Middlesborough), St. George's (Stockton), and these Congregations report much good resulting from the services, in some cases a considerable number of members being added to the Communion roll.

Nearly all the Congregations have a number of Tract Distributors, and many thousands of 'Monthly Visitors' and other Tracts are scattered yearly throughout the bounds of the Presbytery. There are well-organised and successful Mission Sabbath Schools in connection with the following Congregations:—Darlington, Hull (Prospect Street), Middlesboro' (Trinity), Stockton (St. Andrew's), and West Hartlepool; and mothers' meetings, open-air services, cottage meetings, &c., are well sprinkled over the Presbytery. In a number of the Congregations, Elders, Deacons, and members, take an active part in evangelistic efforts of some sort; it is to be regretted that in some there are no office-bearers or members to give any assistance in this important work. There is a service conducted every fortnight by Rev. J. Whyte, of Hartlepool, at a place twelve miles distant from his Church; and by Rev. C. Friskin, of Mount Pleasant, at Coxhoe once a month; and Rev. J. Wallace, of Redcar, conducts a prayer meeting at Saltburn once every fortnight.

Grimsby, and Prospect Street, Hull, seem specially distinguished by evangelistic zeal: in the former open-air services being, in the summer season, regularly conducted, and two cottage meetings held every week; and in the latter nearly all the Elders and Deacons, and very many of the members engage in declaring the Gospel of Christ in the open air, in lodging-houses, and in rooms, while there are three Mission Sabbath Schools, and lady Tract Distributors divide the town into three districts, and scatter the Word of God in the printed pages which many are certain to read. Owing to vacancy no report from Holderness Road, Hull, and owing to late vacancy none from York.

(II.) NORTH-WESTERN AND MIDLAND BOARD.

1. PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

Most gratifying returns were received from twenty-eight Congregations, which show the wide and deep interest which is being taken in this branch of the Church's work, and the marked success in several instances of special or continuous Home Mission work. Fifteen Congregations report having held Special Services at Church or Mission or at both. A fortnight's Mission was conducted by Messrs. Davy and Irvine at Egremont and Seacombe, followed by gratifying results. Two of the youngest Congregations, *West Kirby* and *Walton*, have commenced aggressive operations in their neighbourhood. After a series of meetings at *Rock Ferry Mission*, thirty persons expressed a desire to lead a new life. *Grange Road Missions* report much blessing in connection with Special Services, and a marked improvement in the whole work. *Everton Valley* reports that at the close of the year forty adults and ten young persons professed to have received blessing during 1886. *Cunning Street* reports increased attendance at all services in their Mission at Hyslop Street. *St. Andrew's, Birkenhead*, has carried on a successful series of out-door preachings in connection with their Mission in Victoria Street. A large number of the workers are the fruit of the Mission; the premises require to be enlarged. In connection with the Presbytery there is an Evangelistic Workers' Union, with a membership of eighty-

three, of whom twenty-eight are office-bearers of the Church. They have rendered service during the year at 211 meetings within the bounds of the Presbytery.

2. PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

Mission work is regularly carried on in 17 Congregations out of 31. At *Brunswick Street Mission*, two Gospel Temperance Missions have been held during the year, the former of these resulted in 12 young people professing faith in Christ. The Mission of *St. George's, Blackburn*, reports: 'We are in a hopeful, expectant spirit, but sigh and cry for more of the Spirit of God, and more entire consecration to Christian work.' At *Withington*, the orphanage for girls is still maintained, and an increasing number of the members of the Congregation take part in visiting in the workhouse, and teaching mill-girls in the City. The Rev. Thomas Boyd, of Oldham, preached for 9 consecutive days in that town last summer with good attendances; besides carrying on a 9-days' Mission in Blackburn, assisted by Mrs. Boyd, and followed by another week by Messrs. Macphail and Collie, of Liverpool, and Hutton, of Birkenhead.

3. PRESBYTERY OF BIRMINGHAM.

In some Congregations the only attempt at Home Mission work has been in the way of Tract Distribution from door to door. At *Stafford* a further development of the work reported on last year is reached. A Mission service is held in the Lecture Hall of the Y.M.C.A., attended on an average by 100 people, chiefly of the non-Church-going class. This meeting is conducted by one of the Elders of the Presbyterian Church, assisted by lay-preachers from other Churches. Mr. Scammel conducts a Bible Class, which aims at preparing for the membership of the Church. At present 37 attend this class. At *Walsall* the Presbyterian guild, reported fully last year, is being carried on with much vigour. It numbers 185 members, ranging in age from 7 to 20 years. *Nottingham* Congregation has commenced Mission work in Hyson Green, a suburb of 40,000 inhabitants, with Church accommodation for 5,000 only. The report of this Presbytery closes by saying: 'There is ample room for an urgent call to our Church to fulfil the character of a Missionary Church as far as this Presbytery is concerned, and they would base upon this fact a recommendation to the Presbytery that they should urge all the Congregations within the bounds to put forth strenuous and sustained efforts to reach the masses around them.'

4. PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

The Report shows that the Ministers of the country charges in this Presbytery have been doing a good work during the past year. A fortnight's Mission was held in September at *Newcastle*. Visiting was diligently carried on in the parish. The meetings were well attended, and were addressed by Ministers of the Presbytery. The Minister bears warm testimony to the value of the services, and desires to record the opinion that similar services might frequently be held throughout the Presbytery, and can be successfully carried out by the Ministers of the Church without the aid of special Evangelists. A 9-days' Mission was held in the Church at *Brampton*, in May. From *Haltwhistle* comes an interesting report, which we give in the words of the Minister: 'I have had an opportunity of carrying on Evangelistic work to an extent beyond any previous experience in the district. New doors opened in various parts. And I have the privilege of preaching the Gospel to some who had grown utterly callous and negligent. The surrounding population is exceedingly sparse, and many of the

services have been attended by but very few people. Yet signs of blessing have been visible, and most so where the attendance has been smallest. Almost every Sabbath has found me preaching *three* times, with several miles' walking for the afternoon service. Last year I had to report on services at *Gilstand* during the season, but these could not be renewed if I was to do the work which offered nearer home.' A promising work was begun in December last at *Greystoke*, a village $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Penruddock and with a much larger population. Mr. Murray, the probationer stationed at Penruddock, reports an attendance of between 60 and 70, some of the people travelling several miles to be present. The only movement made in the direction of Church Extension has been the instituting of summer services at *Allonby*. Services were begun and carried on for a short time last summer, the attendance between 25 and 70. These services will probably be resumed next summer.

(III.) SOUTHERN BOARD.

1. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

About May of last year the Evangelistic Committee of this Presbytery had their attention directed to Messrs. Davey and Irvine, who had just completed their studies at our own College and were about to receive licence. Already they had been engaged in Evangelistic work in the North of Ireland, which was manifestly owned of God. The Committee resolved to secure their services for Evangelistic work within the bounds of the Presbytery. They were engaged for the months of June, July, and August, and during that time they visited a large proportion of the Congregations, giving a week or ten days in each. Many doubted the expediency of entering on such work at that season, but all doubts were dispelled by the success which everywhere attended the effort. The Committee were so encouraged that they made a further engagement with Messrs. Davey and Irvine, and since October last they have been visiting Congregations—some of them the same as those visited during the summer—and an equal blessing has attended their labours. There is good reason to believe that many have had their own spiritual life quickened, whilst not a few have been brought to the knowledge of the truth.

With regret it must be noticed that under the heavy strain Mr. Irvine's health gave way. He is now in the South of France, and there is good hope that he will completely recover. Meanwhile we bespeak for him the prayers and sympathy of the Church.

In the labours of these Evangelists is really summed up the direct Evangelistic work of the Presbytery of London during the year. Many Congregations within the bounds are carrying on Evangelistic work with at least as great energy as in former years.

It is to be regretted that the Presbytery is, owing to the want of funds, greatly hampered in its direct Evangelistic work.

2. PRESBYTERY OF BRISTOL.

In several of the Congregations within the bounds, special Evangelistic services were held during the year, and arrangements are being

made to have similar services in others during this year. The report from the Presbytery is hopeful, but there is no special feature to note.

To these reports your Committee would add the usual summary of Evangelistic work, gathered from the Statistical Returns of Congregations.

Presbyteries	Attendance at Mission Services for Adults	Mission Sabbath Schools		
		No. of Schools	Roll	Attendance
Berwick	126	3	285	184
Birmingham	250	2	300	235
Bristol	270	2	210	153
Carlisle	230	9	928	638
Darlington	344	10	1,402	1,183
Liverpool	2,718	25	7,430	5,368
London	4,443	34	8,897	6,455
Manchester	880	13	2,237	1,636
Newcastle	935	26	4,394	3,183
Northumberland	230	3	291	247
Total	10,426	127	26,374	19,282

RULES.

Two years' experience has suggested one or two changes in the Rules which, after consideration, in all cases where any point of importance was involved, by each of the Boards, and discussion thereafter by the General Committee, are now submitted to the Synod. They are as follows, viz. :—

ORGANISATION OF COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT BOARDS.

ARTICLE IV. To remove the words—'Such Boards to meet monthly, or more frequently, in such localities as may be found desirable,' as involving an unnecessary restriction.

ARTICLE IX. To read—'That District Boards shall submit their minute at each meeting of the General Committee, together with a report of their work since the previous meeting; and shall also submit to the March meeting a general report of their work throughout the year, together with a digest of the reports of the various Presbyteries in regard to Evangelistic work done within their respective bounds.'

RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUNDS.

I. DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISTIC WORK.

(A) *General Fund.*

1. That financial assistance shall be furnished in the following cases, viz. :—

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(5). In connection with Special Evangelistic Services. To read—

'(a) To individual Congregations—half the expense incurred being

allowed where assistance is deemed necessary, and the amount sought reasonable; it being required, however, that when the sum to be asked from the Home Mission Fund is likely to exceed £5, the Presbytery of the bounds shall be consulted before the movement is initiated.

‘(b) To Presbyteries for Evangelistic work conducted under their direct supervision; it being understood that congregations embraced under such arrangements shall have no separate claim in regard to the same services, and that Presbyteries in each case submit their whole scheme, and have the approval of their respective Boards, before any expense is incurred; and further, that they be required to provide, through their respective Evangelisation Committees or otherwise, at least half the total expense incurred.’

(B) Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund.

Under general rules applying to all Church Building enterprises.

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11. That all future grants shall be subject to the following limits in regard to time, viz. To read—

‘(1) That the grant shall lapse entirely :—

‘(a) If the works shall not be commenced within one year from the date at which a grant is voted.

‘(b) If the congregation shall not have found themselves able within two years to qualify for at least the first moiety.

‘(2) That all claim to any further payment shall cease if the congregation shall not have qualified for the second payment within five years of the making of the grant.

‘(3) That all claims shall cease at the end of eight years.

‘(4) That, nevertheless, any portion or the whole of the grant may be renewed on a fresh application.’

ORDINATION OF HOME MISSIONARIES OR ‘MISSIONARY MINISTERS.’

It will be remembered that last Synod, after deliberation, deemed it inexpedient to come to any immediate finding on this question, but remitted the matter to the Presbyteries and this Committee for further consideration, at the same time ordering ‘the regulations under which it has been proposed that Missionary Ministers be appointed’ to be sent down to Presbyteries, your Committee being instructed ‘to receive and consider any Reports from Presbyteries.’

As the conclusion arrived at by your Committee last year had been based on the report of a sub-committee, whose finding in the matter, together with the Regulations referred to, had been set aside, it was deemed best to send down to Presbyteries the findings both of the Sub-Committee and General Committee, as well as the proposed Regulations, so that they might have the whole case clearly before them. They were as follows, viz. :—

A. Findings of Sub-Committee, submitted to the General Committee in December, 1885.

(I.) That the Sub-Committee are of opinion that the practical exigencies of the Church in reference to Home Mission work can be best met, in harmony with her principles and usages, by the ordination of fit persons to be ‘Missionary Ministers,’ who shall work for the extension of the Gospel among

our home population in necessitous districts, without becoming thereby eligible to a call from any regular charge.

(II.) That the following be suggested as the provisions under which ordination in such cases may be allowed :—

1. That in such instance the sanction of the Synod shall be required.
2. That application to the Synod shall be made through a Presbytery, who shall be required to satisfy themselves in regard to—
 - (a) The exemplary and well-established Christian character of the brother proposed ;
 - (b) His fitness for the office, as shown by a reasonable length of effective and successful service already rendered in Evangelistic work.
3. That the person proposed for ordination shall pass a satisfactory examination in his knowledge of English, of Theology, and of the Bible.
4. That where the brother proposed is already a licentiate of the Church he shall be taken on trials according to the rules of the Church, and it shall be a condition that he agree to hold himself at the service of the Church in such work for a period of not less than three years.
5. That ordination shall not be granted unless with a view to immediate employment in some specific sphere of Home Mission work ; but such ordination shall not be regarded as conferring any claim to continuous or permanent employment.
6. That such Missionary Ministers, not being eligible to a call from any regular charge, may nevertheless, by sanction of the Synod, be inducted into new charges which they have themselves been instrumental in forming or maturing.
7. That the Formula to be used in the ordination of Home Missionary Ministers shall be similar to that employed when Foreign Missionaries are ordained, *mutatis mutandis*.
8. That where the Presbytery has appointed a Session over any station ministered to by a Missionary so ordained, he shall be a member thereof, with the position of Moderator ; but where the station is under the Session of a congregation, he shall be associated only when the Session is met on the business of the Mission, and may then preside by leave of the regular Moderator.
9. That he shall be eligible to be commissioned as a representative Elder to Presbytery or Synod by the Session of any regular congregation.

B. *Finding of General Committee on above Recommendations.*

The Committee are of opinion that the practical exigencies of the Church in reference to Home Mission work can be sufficiently met, in harmony with her principles and usages, by the ordination of persons of eminent and proved fitness as occasions may rise.

Returns have been received from all the Presbyteries of the Church, of which the following is an analysis :—

1. Approving Finding of General Committee—*Four*—

Berwick, Manchester and Northumberland—*unanimously*.
Liverpool—*by large majority*.

2. More or less favouring conclusions of Sub-Committee—*Six*—

Birmingham, adopting general principle, but suggesting modifications of provisions under which it is proposed that ordination be allowed—*by 6 to 5*.

Bristol, simply suggesting amendments—*unanimously*.

Carlisle, adopting recommendations of Sub-Committee—*by large majority*.

Darlington, adopting recommendations, with suggestion that description 'Home Missionaries' be substituted for 'Missionary Ministers'—*unanimously*.

London, approving 'the employment by the Church, under suitable regulations, of ordained Missionary Ministers for evangelising among those classes which absent themselves from the ordinary services of the Church'—*by 30 to 2*.

Newcastle, affirming need of seeking agents specially qualified for dealing with 'the great masses of ungodliness in the home field' to whom the Church 'may give the highest authorisation in her power by ordaining them to this work'—*by 19 to 6*.

Having carefully considered these returns, your Committee agreed to report their judgment on the same as follows:—

The returns indicate a widespread conviction throughout the Church, that, if possible, something more effective should be attempted for evangelising the masses of our Home population, both through congregational missions and otherwise, as well as for gathering up and consolidating the results of such work.

At the same time they show that, while a majority of Presbyteries have pronounced in favour of the general principle laid down last year by the Sub-Committee, no sufficient agreement of opinion has yet been reached as to the practical provisions which accompanied it.

It is therefore suggested that the Synod should instruct the Home Mission Committee (possibly with additions):—

(1) To inquire carefully into the spiritual needs of those large classes which habitually absent themselves from public worship, the claim they possess upon this Church, and her duty in regard to them.

(2) To investigate existing methods of Home Mission work conducted among such classes, and how these can be rendered more efficient, giving further consideration in this connection to the proposal to confer ordination, under judicious regulations, upon agents employed in this service.

(3) To receive and consider likely suggestions as to fresh lines on which work of this description may be wisely undertaken, whether by the Synod, by Presbyteries, or by Congregations: with authority, if it see cause, to submit to Presbyteries any definite plans, in time for their opinion thereon to be reported upon by the Committee to next Synod:

And to report.

SYNOD DEPUTIES.

Owing to the necessary postponement of the Synodical Visitation of the Presbytery of Berwick, which had been arranged for the spring of last year, it was necessary to arrange for the visitation both of this Presbytery and of the Presbytery of Manchester in the course of last autumn. Both were satisfactorily accomplished, and the Reports of the Synod Deputies will be found, as usual, in the Appendix to this Report.

It is suggested that the Northern section of the Presbytery of London be visited in the course of this Synodical year, and that the following be requested to act as the Synod's Deputies, viz.:—The Revs. John Thompson, John Bogue, John Watson, Dr. James Muir, John Sclater, *ministers*; with Dr. McLagan and Messrs. James A. Watson, Thomas Matheson, John Gunn, and T. P. Dods, *ruling elders*.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee, by

GEO. B. BRUCE,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' General Fund, p. 562; Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund, p. 564.]

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF SYNOD DEPUTIES.

I.—PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

FIRST GROUP.

Visited by the Rev. S. R. MACPHAIL, M.A., of Liverpool, and Mr. W. S. WILKINSON, of Morpeth, from October 5 to 19, 1886.

OF the 10 Congregations which we were appointed to visit in the Berwick Presbytery, 5 may be called town and the other 5 country Congregations. The Congregations of Berwick, Tweedmouth, and Spittal exist under those conditions which give a compactness scarcely possible in more scattered districts, though it should be noted that Tweedmouth is largely a country Congregation, and the chief point of its energy seems to be in the country. Three of the 5 Congregations above named are on the north, and two on the south, side of the River Tweed. In the country Congregations the conditions of Presbyterian ministerial activity are more favourable for access to the population than in almost any part of England, and, were there not counteracting difficulties, Church life and work should there be particularly smooth and effective. Our visit showed very clearly that Ministers have much more than a due or healthy share of the material burdens of their Congregations. We found a great willingness for any special appliances with a view to raise and intensify spiritual earnestness, and believe that Ministers and people are extremely willing and prepared to co-operate with any messengers of the Church sent for this end, but they cannot undertake any expense which might be involved. From our experience we can promise in such work most generous, fraternal, and trustful co-operation, and influence from all the brethren whom we visited. Before narrating a few leading features of each Congregation, some general remarks may be recorded summarising the results. In the town of Berwick—and we mean by this

both sides of the river—we found that public-houses existed to a large extent, one to about every 150 of the community. In the country there are comparatively few public-houses, and proprietors seem anxious, in some cases remarkably so, to reduce the number now existing. Temperance Societies and Bands of Hope, both Congregational and of a more general kind, are vigorous and well sustained. We encountered some very remarkable results of the effectiveness of this work, which is developing much Christian earnestness as well as social reform. In Berwick we found both considerable Congregational activity and combined effort with other Christians in the town in carrying on Gospel and Gospel Temperance work. We had the pleasure of joining those then engaged in the open air on Saturday and on Sunday evenings. The street music on the Saturday was led by two musical instruments and a good choir, while on Sunday evening, from the steps of the Town Hall—where we were privileged to address an immense audience under the auspices of the Berwick Young Men's Christian Association—the music was led by a well-trained and most highly effective choir gathered from the various Churches, under the leadership of the Praise Conductor in Wallace Green. Dr. Maclagan, a much esteemed Elder of the same Church, is the moving spirit of this great weekly gathering.

In almost all the Congregations much attention is given to the Praise Service. Indeed, a healthy rivalry seems to exist in this direction. In most cases an instrument is in use, but some of the finest results, as in Bank Hill, are obtained without an instrument.

Congregational Prayer Meetings are well sustained in the town, but in some of the country Churches, we think, more might be aimed at in this direction. It is important to gather into the Church as much as possible of the interest and public worship of a Congregation. This remark we make the more freely, because we found that Ministers spare no trouble to conduct services throughout their districts during the week. These, as is generally found in similar instances, are not only desirable by way of accommodation, but often very productive. We think, however, there is room for improvement in the direction indicated, specially where small townships surround the Churches.

Sabbath School work and work for the young of a general and varied kind is carried on most zealously in the town charges, and to some extent in the country districts; but here again we think, judging by general experience of country work, and by the example we find set in the same Presbytery, that more might be done either by the general school or by kitchen classes through the country. Such work might easily be undertaken by office-bearers and others, and would prove a means of permanent and reliable strength in our Congregations. There are great difficulties in these matters no doubt, and specially at certain seasons of the year; but young men and maidens, as well as boys and girls, require every oversight which can be kindly employed, and all the more that the migratory habits of farm servants so early begin, and the means of following them so easily terminate. While Ministers have so often to complain of losing their youth, just when they began to reach the age when they might become helpful, more contact with Church influence in earlier years, and more direct effort to secure early decision for Christ, would

probably obviate much of the lapsing which we find forms so large an element in the general statistics of our Church. We found an extensive distribution of *Monthly Visitors* in most of the Congregations, and perhaps in this organisation, so general, might be found a means of beginning classes, and caring for the youth more satisfactorily.

The buildings we found generally attractive and commodious, the manse large and comfortable, and the Churches sufficient, and sometimes very tastefully kept. The average attendance at the means of grace is generally satisfactory, and we found it quite equal to the returns made to us by the office-bearers. Indeed, our experience was in all respects fully as high as the facts and figures mentioned to us. Were Ministers more largely supported in their efforts in the country districts by office-bearers and others, much more might be overtaken, and the burden of what is done much lightened. Probably in few Churches are Ministers more constantly and more eagerly occupied with their work, than are the brethren whom we visited. In the town Congregations office-bearers are generally most effective and diligent, in one case we found Elders visit their districts monthly, and three or four times a year is the general practice. In two Congregations Elders meet at the close of the forenoon service to go over the Congregational Sick Roll, and a book is kept of the progress of every case.

We had meetings with office-bearers in every instance, though in one or two Churches no separate arrangement had been made for this. Our meetings with Congregations ranged from 200 in Church Street to 17 in the only vacant Congregation visited. Office-bearers as well as members gave us a cordial welcome, and our Sabbath services were peculiarly encouraging. In several Churches we were privileged to serve in connection with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, and found the services impressive and good for our own souls.

Our visitation work began at :—

I. BANK HILL, where we obtained general statistics regarding the state of morals and religion in Berwick. We found that there exist a large number of public-houses in proportion to the population. Also that Church accommodation is well supplied and fairly well used. The Y.M.C.A. does good and useful work, especially on Sabbath evenings, and the Coast Mission is effective among the community.

The history of Presbyterianism in Berwick dates back to the days of Knox. In 1550 he was appointed to preach the Gospel in Berwick by Edward VI. James Melville spent his last two years in devoted ministry in Berwick. The first distinctly Presbyterian place of worship in the town seems to have been that in Hide Hill, built in 1719, called the Low Meeting. Five years later the High Meeting was built. After a litigation, consequent on the Disruption in Scotland, the present Church was purchased in 1849 by those deprived of the Low Meeting, and is known as the Bank Hill Church. By means of literature the Minister maintains frequent communication with the membership; the Elders also visiting three times a year. The office-bearers take part in the Prayer Meeting, which is, unfortunately, not well attended. The Minister's Bible Class is good, and has done some very successful work under the Instruction of Youth Committee. The Sabbath School is always opened by the Minister, and several of the 15 teachers are office-bearers. A special address is given to the young monthly. Some published addresses to the young we found very interesting and instructive.

The Church Praise is here highly attractive, and forms a prominent feature of attention. No instrument is here employed. The Congregational Meeting was not large. The Sabbath Service was large, and both Deputies spoke at it.

II. Our second visit was to WALLACE GREEN Church, of which Mr. Walton is now pastor, in succession to Mr. Smith and Dr. Cairns, of Edinburgh. This Congregation is of unusual strength and influence in our denomination, and carries on at the present time a varied and effective work worthy of its past traditions and energies. Adjoining the Church is a Hall divided into two sections for Congregational and Mission work respectively. There are also rented two mission-rooms, one of which is in Tweedmouth, across the river, and in addition the Mission in Holy Island is conducted on the responsibility of the Congregation. The financial affairs of the Congregation are managed by a permanent Board of twenty-four Trustees, whose decisions are not subject to revision by the Congregation. In addition to the Communion roll and roll of young persons, a sick roll, gone over and written up weekly, is kept. The weekly Prayer Meeting is smaller than might be expected, but district and other meetings for Christian fellowship are frequently held. Much work is done among the young in the various Mission Halls, as well as congregationally, and all is carefully supervised by the Session. Libraries, Congregational and Juvenile, form a special feature in this Congregation, the former with upwards of 3,000, and the latter with 700 volumes. The Minister frequently addresses the young at the afternoon service, and a graded system of Sunday School Lessons is successfully adopted. The Choir in this Congregation consists of 60 voices, brought together in relays as may be required. The young are carefully prepared for this service, and fill up any blanks occurring in the ranks. Perhaps the happiest feature most present to the minds of all when we visited was a recent visitation of blessing in the work at Holy Island, regarding which the general expression was, 'The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.' A visit which we paid to Holy Island brought to our knowledge facts for which our Church at large may well bless God and give thanks. As we know that our fellow Deputies were more specially required to report on Holy Island we refrain from the pleasing satisfaction of doing so. The meeting of the Deputies with the Congregation was not large, but the Sabbath Service was attended by more than the average Lord's Day attendance, which we got as 600 and 500, and which we believe to be an under-estimate.

III. CHURCH STREET.—Here we had the largest Congregational Meeting in our visitation, fully 200 being present. The Minister had arranged to receive us at a social gathering, which proved a most successful and pleasant device, and gave us full opportunity of indicating our Mission and hearing the plans in prospect for the Congregation during the winter. This Congregation was founded in 1812, and Mr. Young, the present Session Clerk at the age of 95, was one of its founders. From him we received a most clear and instructive outline of the history of the Church. The present activity and devotion of the Congregation were probably never surpassed, and evidences were given of most encouraging results from ordinary pastoral and mission enterprise. Very considerable additions have recently been made to the buildings; and the Hall in which we met, erected at a cost of £750, is well adapted for the quickened life and vigour of the Congregation. The Congregation is well visited by both Minister and Elders; and social gatherings, to which the office-bearers supply tickets, are a means of fellowship and enlarged general interest. The Congregational Sunday School is taught in a graded system, and an outlying school on a week-day evening

does much to meet the wants of families from the country. There is a large Sabbath morning fellowship meeting, and work for the foreign field is done by ladies. The Minister makes the Prayer Meeting once a month the occasion of instruction on the cause of Christ in other lands. From all we saw and heard we felt that there was good reason for the Minister and office-bearers to acknowledge that they were encouraged in the work of the Lord. We believe that in this Congregation there is the largest town Church attendance in proportion to the membership which we met with.

IV. TWEEDMOUTH.—This Congregation has had very considerable difficulties in the way of its success, and in view of this we regard the present membership as most encouraging. The settlement of a Minister there since our visit will doubtless be productive of much good. There seems a very open door and effectual for this Congregation, specially in the country, where meetings are always largely attended. The admirable Day School connected with this Congregation has done much to sustain and strengthen it in its times of weakness and disappointment, and Tract Distribution has been carried on by five Visitors in town and country. We feel assured that, though our meetings here were comparatively small, there was evidence of vigour and resolute faith in God and in His cause, which under a devoted Ministry will raise this Church to a high and important position.

V. SPITTAL, which we next visited, lies on the south side of the Tweed, a little nearer to its mouth than the Tweedmouth Church. The Congregation was founded during the troubles of 1745, when the south gate of Berwick was kept closed to so late an hour of the day that those south of the river could not enter in time for worship. In 1874 a movement to supplant the original Church was made and carried out. Difficulties which took shape on the settlement of the present Minister have resulted in the unfortunate circumstance of a rival Presbyterian Congregation. Spittal is an important summer watering-place, and so the ordinary Congregation of about 200 is doubled at that season. The Elders, who are most deeply devoted to the work, visit their districts monthly with a religious periodical. A large Band of Hope is successfully worked, and the Sabbath School has 17 Teachers, 7 of whom are Elders. The Prayer Meeting is rather small, but there were evidences of quickened life and hope, which we expect will bear fruit before long. We were much struck with the compactness of feeling and interest displayed by the office-bearers here, and the Congregational meeting was exceptionally large and hearty. Perhaps two-fifths of the church-going people in Spittal attend this place of worship, which is seated for 750.

VI. Leaving the immediate neighbourhood of Berwick we proceeded to ANCROFT MOOR, whose population is about 500. There is only one public-house in a radius of five miles. Here the difficulty of Church life and work, consequent on the frequent removal of farm servants, is much felt. The Church attendance is 100 out of a membership of 122. The evening attendance is much less encouraging. A week-day service is held regularly in some part of the parish, and regular distribution of a religious periodical throughout the district is carried on by twenty Visitors, under the superintendence of a lady in the Congregation. The Minister has worked successfully in his class for the instruction of youth examination and catechism schemes. On the whole the Minister seems to find encouragement at the present time in his work, which would be much more easy were he relieved to a greater extent of concern in connection with financial and other details more properly devolved on office-bearers. The day of our visit was very wet, but we had a very satisfactory attendance of the Congregation.

VII. HORNCLIFFE.—The Church here is situated in the village, whose

population is 300; the population of the district being about double that number. There is no other Church within four miles, the Presbyterian Church of Ancroft Moor being the nearest of any denomination. The membership is 215, and the average attendance in the morning 160. In the evening the attendance is small, when considered as that of a village population. There are two cottage meetings held weekly by the Minister in some part of the district. The Sabbath School is not very large, and there seems a want of male teachers. The Minister's class consists of about 20 and is very encouraging. Praise has recently received large impulse from the introduction of an instrument. The *Monthly Visitor* is circulated by a staff of distributors, and five association collectors go round for the Sustentation Fund. The Minister reported warmly of encouraging signs among the young, and we found a large meeting to welcome us, while on the Lord's Day, both here and at Ancroft Moor, the attendances were large, earnest, and interested.

VIII. From Horncliffe we proceeded to NORHAM, also on the Tweed. There are here two Congregations, which were visited separately, but only one Sabbath Service was arranged for both. This was well attended in the evening. The town of Norham has a population of 750, and there are nearly as many more in the district around. As at Horncliffe, the population is mostly composed of agriculturists and fishermen (on the Tweed). There is a strong Templar Lodge in the town, and but for travellers from Berwick the Lord's Day would be quietly and reverently observed. About one-third of the population are in average attendance at Church each Lord's Day.

In Mr. Haig's Congregation, which originated in 1845 the membership and morning attendance are very nearly equal—but here again the evening attendance is small. It was felt by the office-bearers that parents were somewhat lax in bringing their children to Church, and the visitors felt that more might be done in providing classes in the country. Week-evening meetings are held by the Minister in the country parts in some seasons and in the Church at other seasons of the year. The Minister's Bible Class numbers 12. Cases of spiritual interest are heard of from time to time. Our meeting with this Congregation was full of interest and hope, though, from being a special harvest night, it was not very large.

IX. Mr. Main's Church, visited on the following evening, was founded in 1752, the Presbyterians having previously formed part of Morebattle Congregation since 1737. The attendance at this Church is larger than the membership, and the office-bearers consist of four Elders and six managers. Fortnightly country meetings are held, and a separate Temperance Society flourishes in this Congregation. The Sabbath School is small, probably from the difficulty of finding teachers, but the Minister gives a weekly address to the young. At the time of our visit there was felt to be an increased interest in divine things both in town and country. We had here a very good attendance at the close of an unusually stormy day.

X. Our last visit was to BEAUMONT CHURCH, situated in a population of 1,500, mostly at considerable distance from the Church, which has, however, the enviable distinction of being three miles removed from any public-house. The Church of Beaumont was built by the farm servants and shepherds—first used without seats. Then these were added. Afterwards a Manse was attached, which was subsequently enlarged, and lately other buildings for classes, &c., were erected. The Church, which holds about 360, is generally full. The present membership is 328, and there is literally no room for the children of the flock. District meetings average from 120 to 130 in attendance. The Elders visit their districts three times a year. There are a Missionary Association, Temperance Society of 40, and a Band of Hope of

50 in the Congregation, besides monthly tract distribution, carried on by 16 Visitors. Two Sunday Schools are carried on, besides the Minister's Class. Our visit was very cordially received, and we were surprised on the Lord's Day, which happened to be a Communion Sabbath, to find, after a stormy and wet night and morning, 281 persons, all communicants, in the Church, 200 of whom were men. The impression left was one of devout gratitude to God for such a privilege as sitting at the Lord's table with persons so manifestly drawn to God's House to meet with Him in His own Ordinances, and the words we were allowed to speak seemed poor vehicles of the message which such men might well expect for their encouragement and strengthening. We shall not easily forget the services at Beaumont Church and the strong manly spirit manifested towards God and towards His Cause.

In closing our Report we feel that the Church has much matter for gratitude in respect of the Churches and the Ministers whom we were allowed to visit in her name. True, and steady, and devoted work is certainly carried on, and while there are differences of administration we feel deeply that there is the same spirit, and that the spirit of the work and service is indeed the spirit of Christ. Our work was pleasant, our fellowship refreshing, and we returned to our own home sphere strengthened and thankful for what we had seen and heard, and for the lovingkindness of our brethren in every place to which we were sent.

S. R. MACPHAIL.
W. S. WILKINSON.

SECOND GROUP.

Visited by Rev. JOHN BOGUE, of Stockton-on-Tees, and Mr. JAMES GOODMAN, Elder, of London, from October 11 to 19, 1886.

In respectively submitting to the Synod a report of the visitation conducted by us, we would first of all indicate certain features common to five Congregations of the group—viz., Belford, Chatton, Lowick, Crookham, and Etal—the sixth, Holy Island, being the only exception.

(1.) A very large proportion of the membership in each of these Congregations belongs to the class of agricultural workers known as 'hinds.'

(2.) They are all, to a greater or less extent, affected by the custom of annual migration which prevails amongst this class, and a large proportion of the membership of each Congregation is changed every year. We learned that it is quite exceptional for a hind to remain two years on the same farm. Hence it is almost impossible to maintain amongst this class an interest in Congregational work, or to obtain from them regular support of Church schemes.

(3.) Another custom, which is general amongst the hinds and everywhere complained of as interfering with attendance on ordinances, is that the afternoon and evening of the Lord's Day are occupied with the visitation of friends.

(4.) The widely scattered character of the population in these dis-

tricts necessitates the substitution of district, or cottage meetings, for the Congregational Prayer Meeting. Only in Belford, where there is a larger proportion of the Congregation residing near the Church, did we find a week evening service regularly maintained.

We may be permitted to express our regret that, speaking generally, such preparation for the visitation as is desired by the Synod had not been made; and some measure of misapprehension prevailed as to the purpose of it, so that in several cases we found it needful to remove the impression that we had come on a mission of extortion. In every case we endeavoured to emphasize the purely spiritual object of the visitation; and almost in every case, ministers and office-bearers concurred in hearty appreciation of the benefit likely to accrue to the Congregations, from such demonstrations of the Synod's interest in their work and desire for their welfare.

The season of the year, as it turned out, was, owing to the lateness of the harvest, somewhat unfavourable. So many members and office-bearers were engaged that particular week in 'leading,' that it was impossible to get large meetings.

BELFORD.—Here we began our work on the 11th. We found to our disappointment that, as one of the Deputies was to preach on the following Sunday, it had not been deemed necessary to arrange for a meeting of the Congregation. As in all other cases, we met first with the Minister alone; next with the Session alone without the Minister; and then with Minister and office-bearers together.

All that we heard and saw in Belford led us to the conclusion that the recent settlement of Mr. Mackie had been a happy one, and that good and earnest work is being faithfully undertaken and done. It gratified us to learn, as a sign of spiritual progress, that young people were attending the weekly Prayer Meeting, and that there had been among them some recent cases of decision. Besides the weekly Prayer Meeting, which is conducted solely by the Minister, there are Evangelistic services held from time to time in outlying districts, in which two of the Elders take part, and which have resulted in improved Church attendance. The Minister has a Bible Class, with 30 on the roll; and in the Sabbath School, which is strictly Congregational, there are 60 scholars: all the teachers, 7 in number, are members of the Church. We were pleased to find, what we did not find in any other case, that a short address is given to the young every Sunday morning.

On the morning of the 17th Mr. Bogue preached in the Church, when there were about 160 present. That the attendance on this occasion was so much below the average, which was said to be about 230, was no doubt to be accounted for by the fact that the morning was very wet and stormy; so that many residing at a distance were unable to be present.

CHATTON was visited on the 12th. No meeting with the office-bearers had been arranged for, and we had to content ourselves, for the present, with a conference with the Minister and a meeting with the Congregation, which was well attended. Mr. Bogue preached on the evening of the following Sabbath, and took the opportunity of meeting with the office-bearers, of whom four presented themselves. The village of Chatton has about 300 inhabitants, and the population of the district from which the Congregation is drawn is about 1,400. The present membership is 262; applicants being dealt with in class, not individually. The average attendance was stated to

be about 200 in the morning, and between 60 and 70 in the evening, which is regarded as encouraging. There is no week-night service, but the Minister conducts district meetings 'during the moonlight.' No office-bearer takes any part in any meeting. Evangelistic services are conducted at Chillingham Castle every summer and autumn by various evangelists—(last autumn by Mr. Stevenson Blackwood)—which are believed to have improved the moral and spiritual tone of the district. In the Sabbath School there are 58 scholars and 4 teachers, the latter all members of the Church. The Deputies were interested to find that the Minister of Chatton practises, to some extent, the healing art, and avails himself of the opportunities thereby afforded him to speak of spiritual matters. He possesses the confidence and respect of the whole district, in which he has laboured for thirty-five years.

LOWICK.—This old Congregation (1665) was visited on the 13th. After a satisfactory conference with the Minister and office-bearers, we addressed a meeting of the Congregation, which, on account of many being occupied in the way indicated above, was poorly attended. We were gratified to find indications of faithful work on the part of the Minister. Evangelistic services are held in the Church every winter, and district meetings are kept up all the year round. We regretted to learn, however, that in the opinion of the Session family worship is much neglected, not more than half of the households being known to observe it. The Congregation is drawn from a district extending about six miles in every direction, and only 16 members reside in the village. There is here a conspicuous example of over-churching. The population of Lowick is about 200, and besides our own Congregation there is a Congregation of the 'Church of Scotland in England,' and other four places of worship. Dr. Macnair mentions the following as influences against which the cause at Lowick has to contend, and by which it has already been and must further be affected: the discontinuance of the lime-kilns in the neighbourhood; a Roman Catholic landlord and land agent, and *consequently* Roman Catholic farmers; the absorption of small farms in large; and the migration of the hinds, from which he believes Lowick suffers more than neighbouring Congregations. It appeared to the Deputies that our Minister here is carrying on his work under peculiarly discouraging conditions, and deserves the sympathy of the Church. Like the Minister at Chatton, Dr. Macnair takes advantage of his knowledge of medicine, which has some influence in maintaining attendance on ordinances.

CROOKHAM.—Like Lowick, and the next to be visited, Etal, this congregation is a very old one. We think that in several respects there might be considerable improvement in the condition and management of affairs here. The Minister is conscientiously faithful in the discharge of his duties—as, for example, in close and personal dealing with candidates for membership; but for some time his health has been impaired, and he is decidedly overweighted with responsibilities, and bears the burden of duties which might be attended to by others. We were surprised to find that for three years there has been no regularly appointed Treasurer, though we are persuaded there are men able and willing to undertake this and other duties if proper steps are taken to secure their co-operation. Both Deputies, in addressing the Congregation, sought to rouse them up to more hearty co-operation in congregational work; and Mr. Goodman, who addressed them on the following Sunday morning, took an opportunity of pressing upon the office-bearers their responsibility with respect to the management of affairs. A very earnest effort was made to get the trustees and office-bearers together in private, but was not successful. We found that the Sunday School has about 40 scholars under the

care of the Minister's wife and son. The Deputies feel that the condition of the cause at Crookham urgently calls for careful consideration.

ETAL.—The Church here is most picturesquely situated in the Old Castle Green, and is approached through the ruined gateway of the castle. The manse adjoins the Church, and is entered through what is believed to have been the dungeon-keep. The population of the village is about 150; the Congregation is drawn from a circle having a six-mile radius; the population is decreasing. No distinct case of conversion, save one, is remembered by Minister or office-bearers; candidates are dealt with as a class, not personally. Family worship is believed to be very poorly observed, even where it is professed. The average attendance on the Lord's Day is about 140 in the morning, and about 50 in the evening. It is only about three years ago that the evening service was commenced, at which, as well as at three district meetings held each week, the Minister distributes a large number of tracts at his own expense. As the Lord's Supper was to be dispensed on the following Sabbath, the meeting of the Congregation was taken advantage of to hold a preparatory service which was conducted by Mr. Bogue; at the close of which the meeting was addressed by Mr. Goodman, who had a further opportunity of speaking to the Congregation on the Sunday evening, when, though the weather was very rough and dark, a Congregation of about 70 was present, and gave much pleasure to the Deputy who addressed them by their heartiness in the service, and the expression of pleasure by many at the close of the meeting. In the opinion of the Deputies the union of the two Congregations of Crookham and Etal should be contemplated, and practical steps taken towards that end as soon as an opportunity offers.

HOLY ISLAND.—We visited this most interesting place on Monday, the 18th, and for the difficulties and inconveniences that had to be encountered in order to reach it, we were more than compensated by our happy experiences there, and especially by what we saw and heard of the grace of God. Our spirits were greatly refreshed by the manifest tokens of a deep and widespread interest in spiritual things, the result of a recent revival in religion,

We learned that from August 7 to September 5 open-air meetings had been held daily, which were addressed by some of the visitors to the island. They were commenced by Mr. D. J. Knox, of Glasgow, assisted by the Misses Duncan and Mr. Hodgson, of Whitehaven; and they were continued by the Revs. Robert Brown, Newcastle; J. Polson, Jedburgh; T. Keir, Lauder; I. Marwick, Kirkcaldy, and others. The services were held chiefly at 'The Cross'—a fitting place—and the after-meetings in our place of worship. Much impression was made; there were many cases of conversion; and the Missionary reports, as a feature characteristic of the movement, that whole families were led to decision. We had an interesting conference with the Missionary, Mr. W. Craigie (one of our own students), and with the office-bearers, with whose earnest and devoted spirit we were much impressed. We afterwards proceeded to the Church—a small building which accommodates about 100—and there addressed a crowded congregation of eager listeners, a large proportion of whom were fishermen and lads, in their blue jerseys. In our addresses we endeavoured to keep closely to apostolic lines, and 'exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.' We were fortunate in having the unexpected presence and co-operation of the Rev. K. Moodie Stuart, of Moffat, to whose earnest words a special weight and peculiar interest were imparted by the fact to which he referred, that his revered father had here begun his work as an evangelist about 50 years ago. Altogether our experiences in Holy Island were such as to make us thankful that it had fallen to our lot to visit the cause there. We were glad to learn that the work is carried on under the

superintendence of the Session of Wallace Green ; but we are disposed to raise the question, whether there should not be a new departure in respect of method, and whether Holy Island is not a place where it would be advantageous to ordain a home missionary.

On the 19th an opportunity was afforded us and the other Deputies of having a brief conference with the Presbytery. Unfortunately the time available for this purpose was limited by the meeting, early in the afternoon, of the Conference of Northern Presbyteries, and it was found impossible to enter at all upon some matters which, as we felt, called for the careful consideration of the Presbytery. If the visitation of Congregations by Synodical Deputies is to accomplish all the good it is fitted to secure, it appears to us to be imperative that the conference with the Presbytery should be thorough and confidential, and followed up by practical action on the part of the Presbytery.

We would venture to call special attention to the condition of very much of the Church property, and would even urge a careful survey, which would show the necessity of a deeper interest in the *matériel*.

In conclusion, we would express our thankful sense of the kindness and hospitality manifested towards us by the brethren visited ; of the benefit we ourselves have received in conducting the visitation ; and of the privilege conferred upon us by the Synod, when it entrusted us with the duty.

JOHN BOGUE.

JAMES GOODMAN.

II. PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

Visited from October 21 to November 1, 1886.

FIRST GROUP.

Visited by the Rev. JAMES MELLIS, M.A., of Southport, and Dr. WILLIAM GOULD, of London.

TEN Congregations were allotted to us, four of these being in the city of Manchester. One or two Missions in connection with Congregations were also visited. The Deputies did their best to carry out what they conceived to be the purpose of the Synod, by endeavouring as far as possible to touch and stimulate spiritual life, and foster a loyal Church sentiment. They trust that in some measure they were enabled to compass both these ends ;—the cordial reception and frank consultations which everywhere they were granted encouraging this hope. Information asked was readily supplied in every instance ; but the Deputies do not think it needful to burden this report with facts and figures which Congregations furnish in ordinary course through the annual schedules which appear in their own place in the Blue Book.

BOWDON.—Following the order of visitation, Bowdon was the first Congregation to which the Deputies went. It was vacant at the time—that, with other causes producing a somewhat depressed condition. The district is a residential one, and seems amply supplied with Churches of all denominations. Though for the moment somewhat languishing, there seems no reason why the Presbyterian Congregation should not become a good one and do important work in the place. It is well equipped with buildings, the Church, with its lecture hall, being attractive and well placed. The office-bearers seem interested in their work. The Communion Roll is carefully kept, showing at date of visit eighty-five in fellowship.

The Sabbath School is fairly vigorous. Once a month there is a Special Children's Service in the Church. There is a District Mission, where services are held for children and adults (at different hours) on Sunday evenings. A Mothers' Meeting is held weekly, and a Band of Hope Meeting fortnightly.

The purely English element in this Congregation is not large, the great proportion of it being Scotch. From answers to inquiries, as well as from their own observation, the Deputies believe that there is a good field for Presbyterianism in Bowdon. After meeting with the Elders and Managers, the Deputies addressed an interested and earnest audience, though not very numerous, in the Lecture Hall. The speedy settlement of a good Minister would infuse new life into this Congregation, which has in it not a few elements of interest, and which has hopeful possibilities before it.

MANCHESTER: ST. ANDREW'S was visited on Sunday morning, October 24. Previous to Service in the Church the Deputies met a large number of the Elders and Deacons. Conference with them was very hearty, and revealed a large amount of good work being done in the Congregation and by many of its members. Although situated in a business locality, and one in which there are rather too many Presbyterian Congregations, this is a well-attended Church, drawing worshippers from all parts of the city. An earnest ministry has been fruitful not only in numerical but in spiritual results, and the general tone bespeaks health. It was stated that during the previous eighteen months there had been a marked improvement in the attendance at Church. Much of this seems to be owing to the diligence with which Elders visit their districts and pastoral work is conducted by the Minister. There is a Mission District in which, by means of the usual varied agencies, successful work is carried on. This was visited by Dr. Gauld, who was much pleased with the attendance and earnestness of the Sunday evening meeting. There are two Sabbath Schools, both well attended—one Congregational, the other in the Mission. The weekly Prayer Meeting is held in the Mission premises, where a larger attendance is had than would be in the Church. The Minister has a flourishing Bible Class, but does not see his way to fall in with the Synod's Higher Instruction Scheme. This Congregation is mainly Scotch. On the occasion of the visit the attendance at Church was good. Both Deputies addressed the people, who seemed to appreciate what was said and the purpose of the visit.

ECCLES was visited on the evening of the same day by Mr. Mellis alone. This Congregation has been in existence just ten years, and has had more or less of a struggle during that time. It is still weak, but feels the outlook now more hopeful. The present Church, an iron one, is not favourably placed for gathering a congregation quickly. It is near an ample population, but the character of the immediate neighbourhood has undergone a change through the extension of railway operations. A new site is desirable, the present one having become unsuitable for the reason stated. Open spaces are numerous, and, if an exchange of site could be made, good results

might be anticipated, and the way paved for the erection of a permanent building. Although the Congregation is small, it has a prosperous Sunday School and Band of Hope. Also a branch of the Women's Missionary Association, and a vigorous Young Men's Literary Association. District visitation is maintained by Minister, often accompanied by an Elder. Attendance at Church averages from fifty to seventy. The Evening Service, at which the Deputy preached and explained the purpose of the visit, was in excess of the larger figure. In any steps taken for the expansion of the work every effort should be made to quicken the interest of the people as a *whole* in their Church, its needs and aims. With a flowing tide of spiritual life this Congregation would enter upon a new era of growth and usefulness.

BOLTON.—Local circumstances made the evening of the Deputies' visit unfavourable for their purpose. Besides this, some misunderstanding as to the object of their visit stood rather in the way of a large attendance. A good number of Elders and Managers met the Deputies in conference, but most of them, unfortunately, were obliged to leave before the public meeting. In this busy manufacturing town the Deputies were glad to learn that Temperance is making progress, and that though Secularism has a footing it is weak. Sabbath desecration appears in various forms.

The Nonconformist Ministers of the town have conducted successful Evangelistic services, also a course of lectures on topics for the times. Our own Church is about the centre of the town, and is a substantial and sufficient structure, though not particularly attractive. The Sunday School building is too small; its enlargement is contemplated. The scholars are numerous. There is a sermon for young people quarterly. The Band of Hope is flourishing, also a Literary Association. Church attendance is considered good, the evening one being the larger. The Congregation is mainly Scotch. Many from over the Border are to be found in other than the Presbyterian denomination. A Missionary visits among the immigrant Scotch people, many of whom are attracted to Bolton by its various industries. The Women's Missionary Association has subscribers in the Congregation. The meeting in the Church was rather thinly attended. Those present, however, seemed to enjoy the addresses, and the Deputies trust that their visit may have left stimulating influences behind it, and that this Congregation may not flag in Christian life and zeal.

WHARTON.—Our Church here supplies a rural and mining district, and is a centre of useful, hearty work. Though small, it would be difficult to find a country congregation in a more vigorous and healthy condition. It has an authenticated history from 1662, but is believed to be older, and to have had experience in its early days of the fostering hand of Matthew Henry. It has passed through vicissitudes, being at one time Congregational or Unitarian, and it almost fell into decay. Under the present ministry it has entered on a new era, and is in every way a credit to the Presbyterian Church. This Congregation is entirely English. The Deputies, as usual, met with the office-bearers first and then the people. Both meetings were of a very encouraging nature, and it was apparent that much interest was taken in the visit. Successful work is carried on among the young both in the Day School belonging to the Congregation and in the Sabbath School. Both of these prove themselves feeders to the Church, and are otherwise of much use in the locality. There is a flourishing Band of Hope. Temperance is making progress in the district. Attendance at Church is good, particularly at the second service. Late shopping on Saturday night and the meetings of a benefit club interfere with good hours on Sunday morning. The young men have a Literary Association. The Women's Mis-

sionary Association is taking root here, and along with other means keeps alive much interest in our Missions. Attention is given to congregational singing, which is very hearty. The Church fabric has been at different times enlarged, and is in good order, as also the school.

LONGSIGHT.—Vacant at the time of our visit. The Deputies were very cordially received by the office-bearers, and there was a fair attendance at the congregational meeting. The Church is well placed, near a populous district, in which good work is being carried on. Poverty, the public-house, and clubs in which it is believed drinking and gambling are carried on, and general indifferentism are among the chief difficulties to be contended with. To counteract evils associated with these, this Congregation has on foot Cottage Meetings, with House-to-house Visitation, Tract Distribution, and Savings Bank, Temperance work and Band of Hope. There are also Mutual Improvement and Young Men's Fellowship Associations, and Sunday School, of which the Mission Branch is the most vigorous. Owing to special circumstances, this Congregation has recently experienced important losses. Notwithstanding this, and the existing vacancy, the Deputies were impressed with the vigorous, earnest, and hopeful spirit which seemed to animate the office-bearers. They were able to speak of decided indications of deepened spiritual life, particularly in the Fellowship Association. The Church is an admirable building in a leading thoroughfare, and convenient to a good residential district as well as a mission one. This should become a prosperous charge.

OLDHAM.—New ground was broken by the planting of a Presbyterian Cause in this busy manufacturing town. Much credit is due to those who persevered in the face of many difficulties and discouragements till the Preaching Station was sanctioned as a charge and a Minister called. Even yet very much requires to be done. A Church building is in progress, and the various agencies of a Christian Congregation are appearing and very active. Under the energetic Minister recently placed over them, ably assisted as he is, there seems to be a bright and useful prospect opening before this Congregation. There is scope for it among the Scotch and Irish, who are numerous, as well as among the native English. Already these various elements are represented in the little flock. There is need for it, evil in many too common forms having a strong hold on the people. A good and encouraging meeting was held, and the general feeling seemed to be that this Congregation had 'turned the corner.'

RISLEY.—Risley, like Wharton, is a country Congregation with a long pedigree. It dates from 1662. The present Church is said to have been opened in 1709. Evangelical at first, the Congregation lapsed into Unitarianism, but has been strictly Presbyterian from 1834. The Day School connected with it has been in operation from thirty to forty years. The present Minister, who has not been long settled, took the charge after it had passed through a five years' vacancy. It is a weak charge, with little or no prospect of much increase. The immediate population is entirely rural. The district is fringed all round with towns, not many miles off, which absorb the population, and to a considerable extent supply Church accommodation for the country people. The Week-day School is useful in the district as also the Sunday School. But they have hardly proved feeders to the Congregation to any appreciable extent, as the young people who pass through them either seek Confirmation in the Established Church, join other denominations, or leave the district. It says much for the tenacity with which this handful of people cling to Presbyterianism that they have not been disintegrated by the various adverse influences that bear upon them. Bad roads and no moonlight were not favourable for a good meeting; but the Deputies

found a large number of people assembled to hear them. There was evidently much interest taken in the visit. The Synod's recognition of this isolated Congregation will, it is believed, have a good effect. There is an old endowment connected with the charge. The population within a radius of three miles is about 500. Temperance is thought to be on the increase.

HIGHER BROUGHTON.—The Church here, a very fine one, with beautiful lecture hall and other accommodation, was built in the expectation of this district becoming a popular and well-built suburb. These hopes have only been partially realised, so that the Church is rather on the edge of a population. As the neighbourhood is an expensive one, the long depression of trade has led to many removals. Foreigners of various nationalities are a pretty large element, so that the conditions are not very favourable for a prosperous Presbyterian charge. Time may change this. The Congregation is well-to-do, and seems consolidated, though feeling somewhat keenly the difficulties under which the Cause of Presbyterianism has to be maintained. The Deputies met Minister and office-bearers before morning service on the second Sunday of their work, and afterwards addressed the Congregation. Various agencies are in operation, but for the time being there is no Sunday School in connection with the Congregation itself. Work of that kind is conducted in a Mission district which gives scope for the Christian zeal of the young people especially. There are, however, two Bible Classes, one for the young men and one for the young women of the Congregation. A teacher's devotional meeting is held every Sunday morning. A Literary Association is doing useful work, a good deal of interest centring in its meetings. In the Mission referred to, Temperance work is carried on, assistance being given by members of this Congregation. Dr. Gauld visited the Mission in the afternoon and addressed about 100 children with their teachers on the subject of 'Our China Mission.' They have since resolved to support a native preacher or evangelist in China. In regard to this Congregation, as to many, the remark may be made that its numbers would be considerably recruited were Presbyterians coming to the neighbourhood loyal to their own denomination.

PENDLETON.—Visited on the same Sunday. This is a district in which the working classes predominate, and is thickly populated. It is said to be rather underchurched, and places of worship but indifferently attended. Poverty and indifference account in some measure for this latter fact. The Scotch element in the Congregation is thought to be about three to one; but there is a good deal of lapsing in the district—not from Presbyterianism only but from church-going. A number of Agencies are at work, e.g. Band of Hope, Young Men's Association, District Mission Association, and Bible Classes; but the most outstanding feature is the very large and well organised Sabbath School. It is in many respects a model one, though it was disappointing to learn that the young people passing through it were not drafted into the Fellowship of the Church so numerous as might be expected. They joined other denominations. A large sum has recently been expended on the enlargement of the school premises, which are occupied as a grammar school during the week. The evening service in the Church was well attended, and addresses were delivered by the Deputies. This Congregation seems well placed for doing useful work, and is anxious to occupy the field effectively. Its efforts are being attended with a fair measure of success.

Speaking generally, work amongst the young is one of the most prominent and most promising features that came under our notice. Temperance efforts seem to be making way decidedly. Aggressive

work might be more largely a feature of our Manchester Presbyterianism, and with great advantage to our Church. That it is not overlooked is pleasantly apparent from the existence of a 'Presbyterian Evangelistic Association,' which is ready to supply speakers when required for mission services. The Presbytery takes more or less cognisance of its work.

JAS. MELLIS.
WILLIAM GAULD.

SECOND GROUP.

Visited by the Rev. JOHN THOMPSON, M.A., of Newcastle, and Mr. THOMAS MATHESON, of Liverpool.

We submit the following notes in regard to the Congregations the visitation of which was assigned to us :—

ANCOATS.—The Church here is surrounded by a large working-class population, who are chiefly employed in machine and cotton manufactories. General Church attendance is not good, but hindrances to religion, from immorality and other causes, are not greater than in other parts of Manchester.

The Church was commenced fifty years ago by the aid of the late Robert Barbour, Esq., and, though six Ministers have had the charge for longer or shorter periods during these years, their work has been done with steady success.

The membership has risen during the last three years from 200 to 250. Their present Minister is attending to pulpit and pastoral duty with much fidelity. He is well sustained by his Elders in Visitation, Prayer Meeting, Sunday School work, and Mission work.

Mission work has been carried on in Holt Town, Ancoats, for about ten months by voluntary agents connected with the Congregation. In the Sunday School there are 10 teachers and an average attendance of 85 scholars. Mission Services are held on Sunday evening at 7, on Tuesday at 7.30; on Thursday there is a Sewing Class at 6.30, and on Saturday at 6 an opportunity is given for lodging deposits in the Savings Bank.

There is an excellent Junior Sustentation Fund Association, with 137 members, whose collections are gathered weekly, and amount yearly to the goodly sum of £40.

There is also a good Day School attended by 500 children. The Government grant earned last year was about £350.

BRUNSWICK STREET.—This Church is a hive of spiritual industry. The property is in excellent repair, and contains very suitable accommodation for all sacred purposes. The membership, including 85 at the Mission Hall, is 335; and the Sabbath attendance is from 400 to 500. The larger attendance on Sunday is at the evening service. Ministers and Elders attend faithfully to the work of Visitation, and several Elders take part in the School and Mission work.

Special mention must be made of the Mission work in Union Street, Ardwick. One building is used every Sabbath for an infant school, and another for a more advanced school in the afternoon and Divine Service in the evening. The Evening Service is attended by 200 people. There is a membership of 85, and the Lord's Supper is dispensed to them quarterly by the Minister. During the week there is a Mothers' Meeting on Monday; a Girls' Sewing Meeting on Tuesday, attended by about 90; a Gymnasium for

boys on Thursday evening, besides a good Prayer Meeting on Wednesday; also large Band of Hope and Savings Bank. The whole of this work is carried on by voluntary agents.

GROSVENOR SQUARE.—The Church in Grosvenor Square is surrounded by a large working-class population. Public-houses are numerous. Several provision shops are opened on the early parts of the Lord's Day. And the progress of religion in the city is hindered by the prevailing forms of wickedness. The district is well supplied with Churches, and the attendance is fairly good. The Presbyterian Churches in the immediate neighbourhood exceed the requirements of the locality, and one of them might be removed to another district with decided advantage.

The Congregation originated in 1832. The present buildings, which are in good repair and well suited for sacred purposes, were opened in 1851. At present the number of Church members is 333, and the attendance at Divine Service extends from 350 to 400. Good attention is paid by the Minister to the work of Pastoral Visitation, in which he is assisted by the Elders. And in the work of Sabbath Schools, City Missions, and other Evangelistic agencies, there are signs of spiritual life and progress.

SALFORD.—This beautiful Church is surrounded by a dense population of working people, who are much addicted to the vices which hinder the progress of Christianity. The building was erected in 1845, and is in moderately good repair. School accommodation and rooms for sacred purposes are defective. A few hundred pounds raised by the generosity of friends could be spent here to excellent purpose. Help is needed in this way, because 'as soon as people get up a little in the world they move to the outskirts;' and those who remain cannot do much for special objects.

The Congregation has had a chequered history. In 1868 it was nearly wrecked by internal dissensions. But through the labours of the present energetic Minister it has greatly revived, and its membership is now 200. Much attention is paid to the young. Successful efforts are made to benefit the outlying population. Both Minister and Elders are doing their work admirably. The people display much interest in Church affairs. And the whole place is full of life, zeal, and activity. Such diligence in spiritual business cannot fail under God's blessing to secure prosperity. A Junior Sustentation Fund Association raises a goodly sum annually.

WITHINGTON.—Here the adjacent population is about 5,000. The Church is well situated, and all the buildings connected with it are beautiful and complete. Nineteen years have passed since the Congregation was commenced. The membership is now 280. Sabbath Schools, Bible Class, and Young Men's Literary Society are in a flourishing condition. There is an orphanage supported by the Church, containing at present 13 orphans. During its brief history several girls have been saved from want, trained for useful places in society, and some have given themselves devoutly to their Saviour. Not having many poor in their neighbourhood, the Dorcas Society send the proceeds of their labour to assist the poor connected with our Ancients and Salford Congregations, thus affording a good example of what our strong Churches might do, in many ways, to assist the weaker Churches with their beneficent labours. Some of the ladies of this Church have a social meeting for young women after the weekly service, for an hour and a half, at which a good many domestic servants attend. They bring their work, and one or more of the ladies reads or speaks to them, so as to make it a cheerful and profitable evening. This effort seems to be much appreciated by the young women. The Withington Church, strong in spiritual life, acting and reacting between pulpit and pew, occupied respectively by an able Minister and willing people, is enjoying much prosperity.

BRADFORD.—The Church here is full of life, and doing its work with many tokens of success. They are surrounded by 220,000 people. Nothing special was named among hindrances to religion, except the railway facilities for Sunday travelling to health resorts. In 1847 the buildings, which are in good repair, were erected. After a chequered history the Congregation has enjoyed several years of peaceful prosperity. Their membership is now 260, and on Sabbath evenings the average attendance reaches 300. Due attention is given by Minister and Elders to Visitation from house to house, and Elders assist in conducting the weekly Prayer Meeting. There is an excellent Sabbath School, and a weekly service for children in a Mission room near the Church. A large meeting of the Congregation assembled to meet the Synod Deputies, and were delighted with the interest manifested by the Synod in their welfare.

CREWE.—This town contains 26,000 people. Public-houses are plentiful, but the general character of the working men is sober and industrious. The Congregation was commenced in 1845, and the Church was erected in 1862. A few years ago the membership and attendance were seriously diminished; but since the present Minister's settlement the members have risen in number from 40 to 122. The Sabbath School is attended by 200 children. Much good is accomplished by Tract Distribution and other Christian agencies. About 100 people were present in the Church to meet the Synod Deputies, and the Deputies were convinced that the Crewe Congregation is rapidly growing in strength and usefulness. There is an excellent Day School connected with the Church, which earned last year a Government grant of nearly £500. Their only hindrance to the highest degree of success is defective school accommodation.

PRESTON.—This Congregation is placed amidst a large manufacturing population. Intemperance, immorality, and profanity prevail to a large extent. The Church has only been nine years in existence. During that period the membership has advanced from 40 to 250. Their Sabbath School is attended by 200 children. They have an excellent juvenile choir of 40 members. Most of them were present at the Congregational meeting, addressed by the Deputies, and led the singing with happy effect. At present they have only a temporary place of worship; but they hope to proceed with the building of a Church at an early date. The Minister is most assiduous in every part of duty. He is well supported by his office-bearers; and the evidence of spiritual life and progress among the people is very encouraging.

WARRINGTON.—Here the Presbyterian Church is within reach of 45,000 people. A few large and several small breweries in the place are rightly suggestive of prevailing intemperance. This is counteracted by a strong union of Temperance Societies and Bands of Hope. There is a good one connected with the Presbyterian Sabbath School. The Church property is old and not in good repair. At present the members amount to 77; and the average attendance to more than 100. The field is difficult and discouraging, but the Minister might be encouraged to somewhat more aggressive efforts in which with a good and enthusiastic lead the office-bearers and earnest Christian people would be glad, we think, to follow. The visit of Synod Deputies will probably be succeeded by a series of Evangelistic sermons. There was a large attendance of the Congregation to meet the Deputies, and all felt very grateful for the friendly interest which the Synod is taking in their welfare. One half of the Congregation are English people.

WIGAN.—The Deputies were heartily received at a social meeting, and were introduced to many people at the tea-table. The after-meeting was

largely attended, and deep gratitude was expressed by all the Congregation for the Synod's interest in their welfare. The Church is surrounded by 50,000 people, who depend chiefly on the trade in coal, cotton, and iron. Their hindrances to religion include the prevailing evils of large towns, especially Sunday newspapers, open shops on the Lord's Day, and a low state of morals. Since its beginning in 1662 the Congregation has had a chequered history. Their present Minister is working most faithfully, and his work is crowned with much success. The Sabbath and Day Schools are large and excellent. Half the Congregation is composed of English people. And their progress in numbers during the last five years is very encouraging.

TUNLEY.—Tunley is a village about six miles from Wigan. The neighbouring population is small, widely scattered, and a large proportion of them are Roman Catholics. There is a Church, Schoolroom, and Manse in good repair; with a small property, whose rental of some £22 yearly goes to the support of Ordinances. A Missionary is doing good work in the pulpit and pastorate. Most of the children are obliged to attend Roman Catholic day schools for want of any other convenient seminary. And the question requires consideration whether the good schoolroom at Tunley should not be utilised for elementary education. The property is an heirloom of the Five Mile Act, which should be sacred to Presbyterians. Five or six Ministers are buried in the little Churchyard.

We close our Report with a few general remarks to which we respectfully invite attention:—

1. An effort should be made at once, especially in weak Congregations, to promote an increase of Spiritual life—(a) by Ministers at their Sabbath and week-day services preaching a series of Evangelistic or Revival discourses; (b) by a few workers in every Church trying to bring in the out-lying population. Every Minister should be an evangelist. All the members should help to increase the Congregation.

2. In house-to-house Visitation. Ministers and Elders should have religious conversation with the people; at least there should be a word of peace, and an expressed wish for blessing from the Lord.

3. Prudent means should be employed to increase the observance of family worship. The information elicited on this point was not always satisfactory.

4. Ministers might with advantage devote an hour, weekly or occasionally, to meet with inquirers on spiritual matters.

5. Voluntary agents might be more extensively employed in the work of Mission Districts.

6. In two cases we have found Junior Sustentation Fund Associations doing good work. This seems worthy of imitation as a means of training the young to a lively interest in the central fund of our Church.

JOHN THOMPSON.
THOMAS MATHESON.

THIRD GROUP.

Visited by Rev. ROBERT TAYLOR and Mr. JOHN HUME, both of London.

We have pleasure in submitting the following notes of our Visitation of the Congregations assigned to us in the Presbytery of Manchester.

We preface our report with a brief statement of some conclusions to

which we have been led, first with respect to the general religious condition of the cities and towns visited, and then with respect to our own Congregations.

1. While the proportion of the people connected with the Christian Church varies in different places, there is everywhere an immense outlying expanse of practical heathenism.

2. Though there is, as a rule, some kind of infidel association or propaganda in all large towns, theoretic infidelity is professed by a very small fraction of the community.

3. The non-Church-going masses are influenced by apathy rather than antipathy; they are indifferent rather than opposed, either to the Gospel or to the Churches as such.

4. Habits of Temperance are nearly everywhere spreading. This may be partly due to the fact that working people have less money to spend, but its main cause is the influence of Temperance associations and literature and the consequent growth of a sound opinion on the question.

5. While all the Churches are more or less bestirring themselves to meet the spiritual needs of the increasing population, the Established Church seems, in most places, to be distancing all others, both as regards the number of new Churches and the amount of house-to-house work among working people.

Coming now to our own Congregations, we remark :—

1. That on the whole those visited by us were in a more healthy and vigorous condition than we had anticipated.

2. Considering the comparatively small percentage of the population which we can claim as our natural constituency, there would need to be special fitness in our ministry, and special life and warmth in our Congregations, if we are to attain the numerical strength, which is a very important element in the influence of a Church, whether as a witness or worker for our Lord.

3. The time is not distant when the question must be faced how to dispose and distribute our ministerial force so as to secure the largest results. There are cases of mal-arrangement, where powers that would be effective in their right place are practically wasted, to the grief and loss of all concerned, but most of all of the Minister himself. In such cases some wise and kindly method of readjustment would be, or at least should be, as welcome as it is necessary.

4. The smallness of our number and the comparative isolation of many of our Congregations specially impose upon us the need and duty of fostering the spirit and sense of unity and brotherhood, cultivating loyalty on the part of individual Congregations to the Collective Church as represented by the Synod, and assuring each, on the other hand, of the sympathy and interest of all. Greatly beyond the value of our personal services were the thanks we received, because we were regarded as messengers of the Church and speaking in her name.

5. While deeply conscious of the imperfection that marked our service, we have the persuasion that our visits, by the blessing of our Master, had some influence in the way both of encouraging and stimulat-

ing the dear brethren and friends of the various Congregations to which we were deputed, in the good work of the Lord.

We desire to acknowledge, with hearty gratitude, the cordiality of our reception everywhere, the warm hospitality of those who received us into their homes, and above all the many lessons we learned and the healthful spiritual stimulus we received from those with whom we took counsel.

TRINITY, MANCHESTER.—Situating close to a great business centre, and with the population now in its neighbourhood, consisting largely of Roman Catholics and Jews, it will be no easy task to maintain this Church in the position of prosperity and usefulness it once held. In spite of the unfavourable conditions there is a well-equipped Congregation with a membership of 240, a staff of 15 Elders and Deacons, a Congregational Sunday School with 180 Scholars and 22 Teachers, a District Mission, a good Bible Class, Band of Hope, Ladies' Dorcas Meeting, and Young Men's Society. The present Minister is a worthy successor to the highly esteemed Clerk of Synod, who spent so many busy and fruitful years in the service of this Congregation and of our Church and the cause of Christ in Manchester. The work interrupted during the vacancy in the pastorate is now conducted with energy and hopefulness. The number of worshippers is increasing, and signs are not wanting of deepening interest in worship and work. The Home Mission work which, to a casual visitor, appears to lie ready to the hand of an earnest Church in such a neighbourhood, is unhappily considered by those better able to judge to be all but impracticable, owing to the predominantly Jewish and Roman Catholic elements in the population. Pending the settlement of the question of the removal of the Congregation to a more suitable and promising locality, which we presume will come up in the future, we cannot doubt that it will, meanwhile, more than hold its own, as to numbers and resources, and will also prove in some measure 'a dew from the Lord' in the midst of a teeming and needy neighbourhood.

SALE.—This Congregation, in a suburban district, with a population of about 11,000, is only about thirteen years old, the Church having been opened and the Minister inducted in 1874. The Church buildings, including a commodious manse, are admirably situated and every way suitable. The progress of the Congregation in its earlier years was seriously retarded by unhappy and protracted litigation regarding the property. The membership has risen from 130 to 201 within the last four years, and the Congregation, though by no means filling the large Church, is growing steadily. Injustice is often done to young Congregations by comparing them, not with the two or three families of which they were composed at the beginning, but with the size of the Church, which is built with a view to that increase of numbers which in ordinary circumstances is only to be expected as the fruit of the work of a good many years. The organisation of this Congregation is very complete, and in many branches the work is conducted with much efficiency. There are 16 managers. At present there are only three Elders, but an addition is about to be made,¹ and it appears to us that a larger Session is necessary if the Congregation is to enjoy the full advantage both of spiritual supervision and stimulus which our system is so well fitted to supply. A large proportion of the members take part in Christian work. Besides Sabbath School Teachers there are 21 District Visitors and 23 Tract Distributors, who form a Church-workers' Association. There is a Mission Hall near the Church, in which a Sunday School, an Evangelistic Service conducted by members of the Church and others,

¹ Five additional Elders have since been ordained.

Classes for men and women, Temperance Meetings, and other forms of Home Mission work are carried on. The Women's Missionary Association of 80 members, the Young Men's Society of 60, and, indeed, all the Church Associations, are large in proportion to the number of the Congregation. On the whole, our impression was that much good work is being done here in a very orderly and efficient manner, and that, with fresh blessing from on High, and a hearty union of hand and heart among its liberal givers and willing workers, this young Congregation should at no distant date attain its full stature and strength.

WHALLEY RANGE, MANCHESTER.—It is not necessary to record facts fresh in every one's memory in connection with the happy union of the young and small Church here with the strong and vigorous Congregation of Coupland Street, under the earnest ministry of the Rev. J. Slater. Our visit was paid on a Sabbath evening, when, after an interesting and satisfactory conference with the large body of Elders and Managers, we had the privilege of speaking to a very attentive congregation, which quite filled the beautiful new Church. As these notes are written by the ministerial deputy, it may be proper to say that in his judgment the interest and usefulness of the public Sabbath Services were greatly increased by the part which the Elder, with whom he was associated, took in them. After the Sermon the Elder joined the Minister in the pulpit, and, having offered prayer, gave a short address, which was neither lecture nor sermon, but which, whether dealing with Church life, or business life, or family life, never failed—to borrow a favourite phrase of the late Dr. Chalmers—to come home to men's business and bosoms. Without entering into details, we may say that what we saw and heard amply showed the high vitality and vigour of this Church. Every department of the work is conducted with energy and success. The office-bearers are numerous and efficient. The Congregational revenue is supplied from free-will offerings dropped into a closed box by the members when they come together on the first day of the week. This system, whether generally efficient or not, works well here. The missionary contributions are collected monthly. A third of the whole Funds raised by the Congregation goes to Home and Foreign Missions. A very promising Home Mission is conducted in the Coupland Street district. The meeting in the Mission Hall on the first night of our visitation, when the room was filled by the Mission Workers, the members of the Mission Congregation, and the elder Sabbath School children, was most interesting and refreshing, and proved a real preparation for the work which followed. The Congregation has a membership of 339, of whom a fair proportion are English. The Church buildings, which are very handsome and complete, occupy a prominent and central position between the residences of wealthy merchants and streets of respectable middle-class dwellings, beyond which again a large working-class district stretches towards the city. It is a fine field, well cultivated, which cannot fail to yield a plentiful harvest.

MOUNT STREET, BLACKBURN.—This Congregation, which occupies the building in which the only Presbyterian Church in the town assembled for many years, seems never to have recovered from the shock it sustained when much the larger portion of its members hived off to the fine new Church of St. George's. It cannot be said that in a town with a population of 112,000 there is not room for a second Congregation. But to gather and maintain it, side by side with its prosperous and powerful neighbour, must be far from easy. In addition to somewhat exceptional gifts on the part of the Minister, buildings, suitably situated and fairly attractive, might be regarded as an important, if not an essential, condition of success. But this Church is not well placed, and it is, moreover, a very plain edifice of the old meeting-house

type. The Congregation is very small, the Communion Roll being 62, and the average attendance on Sabbath morning about 50. There is a Sabbath School with 100 names on the Roll and 8 Teachers. Among the office-bearers, 2 Elders and 14 Managers, there seemed to be an earnest desire to increase the numbers and strength of the Congregation; but both they and the Minister suffer from the heart-sickness of hope deferred. While appreciating the courage and perseverance, and also the liberality required to maintain such a small body in any kind of congregational life and vigour, and sympathising with a conscientious and able Minister, working under conditions that have baffled his efforts and disappointed his hopes, we felt that unless there was some prospect of growth it was desirable that some way should be devised to prevent what might seem to some a waste of money, and is, certainly, a waste of ministerial energy. While constrained to put our opinion thus plainly on record, we do not forget that in the smallest Congregation much work of the highest spiritual value may be done; and we cordially recognise pastoral diligence and devotedness, steadily maintained under the Master's eye, without the sympathy of numbers or the stimulus of success.

ST. GEORGE'S, BLACKBURN.—Having spent a Sunday in Blackburn we had full opportunity of seeing the varied work of this large and living and signally active and efficient Church. Giving the forenoon to Mount Street, the afternoon and evening were devoted to St. George's. We visited first the Sunday School assembling in the buildings connected with the Church. The large Lecture Hall, crowded with some 400 young people, was an impressive and inspiring sight. We opened with prayer and gave a short address; and then saw the classes file off with military precision and quietness to their respective places. The Superintendent puts his whole mind and heart into his work—and he is liberally endowed in respect of both—and he seems to be surrounded by a staff of Teachers imbued with a spirit kindred to his own. We left the school, saying in our hearts, 'Surely the Lord is in this place.' Hastening down to Whalley Range, a populous working-class suburb, in which mission work is conducted, we were in time to see the various classes at work. We found Dr. Grosart in the midst of a large class of mothers; and the other Teachers carrying on their work under the most favourable conditions, many in separate rooms, in the finest and most perfectly adapted Sabbath School premises we have ever seen. Before the Evening Service in the Church we had a most interesting and profitable Conference with a very large gathering of office-bearers, which was resumed after Service and continued till a late hour. The large Congregation was addressed by both the Deputies. The meeting was a very solemn one, and we felt assured that the Lord was with us. It is not needful to give statistical details of the state of this Congregation. These can be found in another part of the Blue Book. We left Blackburn thankful for the opportunity of seeing the results of a highly-gifted, devoted, and most laborious ministry; thankful for the good and great work our Church is doing in an important town; and thankful, too, for the spiritual stimulus and cheer we had ourselves received.

RAMSBOTTOM.—This Congregation has not in all respects recovered from the severe conflict through which it passed a few years ago in consequence of the strange conduct and unwarrantable claims of a considerable section of the members, who seceded from it. The numerical loss has, however, been more than balanced by the moral and religious gain. The conference with office-bearers was somewhat disappointing, only three out of ten attending. There was a fair number at the meeting in the Church, which was pervaded by a hearty and earnest spirit. The Church is handsome, and commodious, and well situated. The Congregation is small, the

membership being 115. The Sabbath School meets in the Church. The pastoral work by the Minister is efficiently done. The Elders, being mostly busy working men, are not able to give much assistance. It is much to be desired that there should be a considerable increase in the number of the Congregation. Although the 'quorum'—if the expression may be used—necessary to constitute a Congregation cannot be definitely fixed, it is clear that the number should be sufficient to raise it above a depressing struggle for life, and to ensure spirit and energy for effective Christian service. A hearty, united, and continuous effort in this direction is no doubt being made, under the guidance of the devoted and painstaking Pastor; and now that they are relieved of some who hindered, instead of helping, and of the weary and unsettling strife they gendered, we trust that our friends at Ramsbottom will grow in numbers, resources, and spiritual life and zeal, till they are fully equal to their own work, and able and willing to take an honourable share in the enterprises of our Church.

ST. COLUMBA'S, LEEDS.—This Congregation is also small, the membership being about 100. At the time of our visit, the pastorate was vacant, the earnest and promising young Minister having been called away after a very short term of service. There were no Elders, but a vigorous body of 12 Managers. Under the animating influence of the Interim Moderator, Mr. Marcus, of Sheffield, and in the near prospect of securing an able and scholarly Pastor—since settled among them—a spirit of helpfulness and energy prevailed; and we may expect that, with a beautiful Church in a good situation, and with only another Presbyterian Church in a town with 340,000 people, St. Columba's will emerge from the feebleness which has long oppressed it, and become strong to labour in the field around, which is white to the harvest. When the new Minister has a staff of earnest Elders, and suitable accommodation has been provided for Sunday School and Mission work, we see every reason to hope that, with the life-giving grace of the Holy Spirit, a future of greatly enlarged growth and usefulness lies before this Congregation.

CAVENDISH ROAD, LEEDS.—This Congregation, left in a highly organised and vigorous condition by the former Minister, who is now in London, continues to prosper under his successor. There is a large body of office-bearers, 10 Elders and 15 Managers, with whom we had a very pleasant conference. They seemed to be men of an excellent spirit, who knew what they ought to do, and did it. Church work in all its departments is wisely and efficiently conducted. The weekly service is well attended. So is the Sunday School, which is mainly congregational. No direct Home Mission work is carried on. The Congregation, which is 24 years old, has been sufficiently, if not too severely, taxed in erecting the admirable Church Buildings completed eight years ago, but which are still burdened by a heavy debt. When the energy and resources so largely drawn on to provide suitable buildings are set free, we feel sure that they will be devoted to the yet nobler work of building up the living temple, by organising some kind of Evangelistic and Home Mission work in their own neighbourhood.

ROCHDALE.—We were much gratified by the evidence our conference with the office-bearers and our meeting with the people furnished of the vital and effective work which is being done here. Both meetings were largely attended and thoroughly sympathetic and earnest. The Pastor's work is marked by system and thoroughness, soundness of judgment, and earnestness of spirit. The Church buildings are excellent. The Sabbath services are well attended, and proofs of spiritual blessing are not wanting. The young people of the Church have an association entitled 'The Band of Kindness,' which might be worthy of imitation elsewhere. Not long before our visit they entertained 90 poor children to tea. The money was raised

and all the arrangements made by themselves. They waited upon the guests, and a 'chairman' of twelve years old presided over the meeting which followed the tea. We left Rochdale cheered by our very cordial reception, and by the conviction we carried away with us that our Church was well represented, and the Master's work well done in our name in that town.

SHEFFIELD.—Much that we have written regarding Rochdale is also happily applicable here. We had, on a week-day evening, the largest congregational meeting we had seen in the course of our visitation, and were rejoiced to note the animation and hopefulness with which the Lord's work is going forward under the inspiring leadership of the new Minister. The first year of his pastorate had been signalised by a substantial addition to the Congregation, and plans were being formed for extending the good work—Sabbath School and Missionary—which had been carried on during the pastorate of his lamented predecessor. The Church is an imposing edifice externally, and handsome and suitable within; but the Sabbath School is cribbed and cabined in a long narrow room, not one-half as large as it should be; and the Mission, conducted by earnest members of the Church in a crowded and needy district, is housed on the ground floor of a cottage with its two rooms thrown into one. If the office-bearers have courage and faith to grapple with the task of providing by suitable buildings for the Sabbath School and Missionary activity that seems to grow with the growing numbers and life of the Congregation, there can be no doubt that the excellent work now going on will rapidly expand, to the great benefit of the Congregation, which in more largely blessing will itself be more largely blessed.

ROBERT TAYLOR.
JOHN HUME.

IV.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.				Station.
* Rev. George Smith, M.A.	...	... arrived in China,	1857.	Swatow.
" W. S. Swanson...	...	"	1860.	Amoy.
" H. L. Mackenzie, M.A.	...	"	1860.	Swatow.
* " W. Macgregor, M.A.	...	"	1864.	Amoy.
* " William Duffus ...	...	"	1869.	Swatow.
" William Campbell	...	"	1871.	Formosa.
" John C. Gibson, M.A.	...	"	1874.	Swatow.
" Thomas Barclay, M.A.	...	"	1874.	Formosa.
" Henry Thompson	...	"	1877.	Amoy.
* " Donald MacIver, M.A.	...	"	1879.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
" John Watson, M.A.	...	"	1880.	Amoy.
" William Thow, M.A.	...	"	1880.	Formosa.
" J. A. B. Cook ...	...	"	1881.	Singapore.
" A. L. MacLeish, M.A., M.B.	...	"	1881.	Amoy.
* " Wm. Riddel, M.A., M.B.	...	"	1881.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
" W. R. Thompson, B.A.	...	"	1882.	Formosa.

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

Peter Anderson, L.R.C.S. and P., Ed...	...	arrived in China,	1878.	Formosa.
* Alexander Lyall, M.B., C.M.	...	"	1879.	Swatow.
David Grant, M.B., C.M.	...	"	1880.	Amoy.
* John F. McPhun, M.B., C.M.	...	"	1882.	Swatow (Hak-ka).
Philip B. Cousland, M.B., Ed...	...	"	1883.	Chao- chow-foo.
Dr. John Lang ...	...	"	1885.	Formosa.

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

Mr. William Paton	...	...	arrived in China,	1881.	Swatow.
Mr. George Ede	...	...	"	1883.	Formosa.

* Salary paid by the Auxiliary Association in Scotland.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MISSIONARIES.

Miss C. M. Ricketts	...	...	...	arrived in China, 1878.	Swatow.
Miss Georgina MacLagan	...	...	...	,, 1882.	Amoy.
Miss E. Black	...	...	...	,, 1885.	
Miss Jessie Johnston	...	...	...	,, 1885.	Amoy.
Miss Annie Butler	...	...	...	,, 1885.	Formosa.
Miss E. Stuart	...	...	...	,, 1885.	Formosa.
Miss Thomson	...	...	...	arrived in India, 1886.	Rampore Bauleah.
Miss Harkness	...	...	...	arrived in China, 1887.	Swatow.

NATIVE EVANGELISTS.—30 at Amoy, 17 at Swatow, 29 at Formosa, and 8 in Hak-ka Country.

STUDENTS.—11 at Amoy, 15 at Swatow, 7 in Hak-ka Country, and 13 at Formosa.

STATIONS.

AMOY.

Chin-kang District—*Chin-chew, An-hai, Siong-see, Eng-leng, Hui-tau.*
Lam-an District—Kwan-kio, Ta-ying, Khoey-bey, Tang-pi, Eng-lai, Poa-noa.
Tong-an District—*E-mng-kang, Ko-long-su.*
An-koi District—Sian-oan, O-Tau.
Hai-teng District—Pechuia, Kang-boey, Tin-hai.
Chang-poo District—*Ki-boey, Kio-lai, Bay-pay Liong-bun-see, Yu-boey-kio,*
Peh-chioh, Kang-khau, Aw-sai, Kwan-jim, Tung-kio, Aw-pow, Pan-to,
Chang-poo, Ban-an, Liong-nia, Liok-go, Kak-chioh.
Lam-chang District—Liong-khay.
Ping-ho District—Gaw-chay.

N.B.—In the above list at places printed in italics there are fully organised congregations. In all, eight organised congregations, twenty-nine not yet organised.

DISTRICT OF SWATOW.

Seven Hok-lo Stations with organised congregations—viz., Swatow, Yam-tsau, Phu-soa, Chia-na, Kia-kung, Mi-ow, and Sin-hü.

Fourteen Hok-lo Stations, not yet organised—viz., Chao-chow-foo, Ung-kng, Tat-hau-pow, Chao-yang, Toa-na, Kong-pheng, Pang-khau, Kieh-yang, Kway-tham, Na-thau, Sua-mng-sia, Au-kang, Tsau-phou, Tong-kung, Gu-kak-ti, Sin-liou, Au-pow, Kiu-su, Sin-un, Kup-chi, and Kie-shi-wei.

Three organised Hak-ka Congregations—viz., Ng-yun-tang, Ho-pho, Ng-kang-phu, and Shong-hang.

Six Hak-ka Stations not yet organised—viz., Foi-tshai, Shong-sa, Ho-thyen, Sin-thyen, Thai-pu, Pu-ts-shai, Thai-yong, Yun-thin, and Kauthyen.

ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

Tai-wan District—One Station amongst Chinese, viz., Taiwanfoo.

Four Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Bak-sa, Kam-a-na, Kong-a-na, and Poah-bay.

Tong-soa District—Eleven Stations amongst Chinese—viz., Pi-thau, Ta-kao, Tang-kang, Tek-a-kha, Taw-kun-eng, A-kau, A-li-kang, Ka-la-paw, Kio-a-thau, Lau-chhu-tsng, and Lombay Island.

One Station amongst the Hak-ka Chinese—viz., Lam-gan.

Ka-gi District—Four Stations amongst Chinese—viz., Ka-gi, Tau-lak, Ka-tang, and Gu-ta-oan.

Four Stations amongst Pe-po Hoan—viz., Giam-cheng, Ka-poa-soa, Than-sia, and Hoan-a-chhan.

One Station amongst Chinese—viz., Chiang-hoa.

Chiang-hoa District—Five Stations amongst the Sek-hoan—viz., Toa-sia, Aw-gu-lan, Toa-lam, Gu-khun-soa, and Paw-sia city.

East Coast.—Three Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Chim-kong-o, Tak-kai, and Chioh-pai.

SINGAPORE.

Five Stations—Singapore, Bukit Timah, Serangoon, Tek-kha, and Johor.

THE Committee in laying before the Synod their thirty-ninth annual report have cause for profound thankfulness and gratitude to God for the events of the past year. On the foreign field both in China and in India the year has been on the whole one of peace and of progress. The Missionaries have carried on the work without any intermission, and the results are such as fill their hearts and ours with hope and courage. Our Mission at all its Centres in China, and in India also, has had a year of great prosperity. In China 340 adults have been added to the Membership of the Church, and this fact alone is sufficient to tell us how God is blessing us.

Every department of Missionary activity is represented on our fields: the evangelistic, the pastoral, the medical, and woman's work are found in active operation.

The features to which we call special attention are the manifestations of missionary zeal on the part of the native Church and the growing attention paid at the same time to attaining, so far as this is yet possible, an independent position in regard to self-support. The duty of the native Church to carry the Gospel to their own countrymen has been constantly impressed upon the Christians by the Missionaries. Amoy was the first centre to move on this line when, some years ago, the Church there sent, at their own charge, a native Missionary to a region where the Gospel had not penetrated. Blessing has followed, and is following that effort. The Church in Formosa has now set its face to similar work. That Church has sent two Missionaries to the Pescadores, and at the same time has purchased premises suitable for beginning Christian work in the important district city of Chiang-hoa.

At last meeting of Synod it was reported that Mr. J. T. Morton had made the valuable offer to send two Ordained and two Medical Missionaries to open new centres in some part of our field in China. The Committee to whom this matter was referred by the Synod, in view of the fact that at the end of three years the expenditure would fall upon the Funds of the Mission, did not see their way to accept more than half the offer. After full consideration the city of Chang-pu, or failing it, the city of Pingho, in the South-Western part of the Amoy field, was chosen as the place to which, under Mr. Morton's offer, an Ordained and a Medical Missionary should be sent. The Committee desire again to express their thankfulness to Mr. Morton. They regret to say they have

not yet secured suitable men, but they are earnestly looking out for them.

In China itself the aspect of things is changing, and we cannot but look hopefully on the bearing these changes may have upon our Mission. For example, at the close of the war with France the Chinese Government, desiring to avoid future complications, made an effort to get rid of the protectorate which France has assumed over Roman Catholic Missionaries and their converts. It was arranged that the Vatican should have a representative at Peking, whose special duty would be to look after the interests of Roman Catholic converts. This did not at all suit the views and policy of the French Government. If that Government's representative ceased to exercise the old protectorate, then would cease almost the entire opportunity it has for interfering in Chinese matters. By threatening the Pope, France forced him to give up the idea of at present sending a representative to China. But the Chinese Government has not given up the position it has taken. Proclamations have been issued by Imperial order and promulgated all over the Empire, enjoining upon the people to abstain from all molestation of native Christians, and virtually, so far as words can go, securing for them toleration and protection. It is quite possible to make too much, and equally possible to make too little, of these Proclamations. A great deal, so far as their translation into action is concerned, will depend on the ideas and proclivities of individual officials. While this is true, it is equally true that the Chinese Government has issued an Edict of toleration and protection couched in unmistakable terms, and to this instrument their officials can be referred. For this we can only thank God and look hopefully to the future. It is indeed a new departure, and although taken to meet a purely political exigency, it marks a new era in the officially declared attitude of the Chinese Government to Christian Missions. Our own Mission in South China is larger than that of any Missionary body there, and all such movements must be watched by us prayerfully and carefully.

The state of the funds was a matter of great anxiety to your Committee, but they are most thankful to report that, owing to the generous and munificent offer of Mr. J. T. Morton to give £500, on condition that the year was closed without a deficit, an appeal was made to some of our tried and generous friends, and the deficiency was made up. Under this head the Committee have again to bear witness to the loyalty exhibited by the Missionaries. They have done all they possibly could to bring down expenses to the lowest limit, and this in a way that has called out increased liberality and zeal on the part of the native church.

During the year the Rev. H. L. Mackenzie and Mrs. Mackenzie, the Rev. D. MacIver and Mrs. MacIver, have returned on furlough. They were accompanied by Miss Ricketts and Miss Mann of our Women's Missionary Association. The Rev. J. Watson of Amoy, and Mrs. Watson arrived in this country in August. Mrs. Watson was by medical advice instructed to return to this country, and it was necessary for Mr. Watson to accompany her. Mr. Watson returned to Amoy in January last.

These brethren, and Dr. Anderson who arrived before last meeting

of Synod, have been almost constantly engaged in pleading the cause in England and Scotland, and your Committee know that their labours have been appreciated.

From every part of our field the earnest cry of the Missionaries is, 'Brethren, pray for us.' Your Committee are most desirous that increased prayer for the work may be made over the length and breadth of the Church.

Statistics of Mission for Year 1886.

Centres.	Communicants, to Dec. 31, 1885.	Adults baptised in 1886.	Received to Com- munion, having been baptised in infancy.	Received by Certificate.	Restored to Communion.	Suspended in 1886.	Excommunicated during 1886.	Died in 1886.	Gone elsewhere.	Communicants, Dec. 31, 1886.	Children baptised in 1886.	Total baptised children.	Members under suspension.	Total membership adults and children
Amoy	775	37	15	9	2	4	—	5	7	822	19	557	46	1425
Swatow.....	851	108	7	2	2	2	8	16	2	942	48	332	19	1348
Hak-ka	203	19	—	—	—	7	—	—	4	211	12	75	32	318
Formosa ...	1412	122	—	3	8	20	13	39	—	1473	81	962	108	2543
Singapore...	71	31	1	20	—	1	1	4	12	105	8	36	3	144
Totals ...	3312	317	23	34	12	34	22	64	25	3553	168	1962	208	5778

AMOY.

During the greater part of the past year, Mr. McGregor has been the only ordained Missionary. Mr. Thompson was home on furlough, and Mr. Watson was obliged to leave for home in June. In these circumstances the burden of work and responsibility was more than any single man should be asked to bear. Mr. McGregor has borne it bravely and cheerfully. We are thankful to state that he has been kept in health and vigour. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Watson have returned, and are now in Amoy, and at their work again.

The staff of native agents is strong and zealous, almost every one of them having been trained in our own college. On more than one occasion the number of Missionaries at Amoy has been reduced to the lowest limit, and if it were not for the efficiency of the Native Agents, it would have been impossible to have carried on the work. In addition to thirty preachers, there are four native pastors. Mr. McGregor writes encouragingly of the tone and spirit of pastors and preachers.

A marked feature at Amoy has been the 'Preachers' Meetings.' These meetings are for mutual conference, edification, and evangelistic work. There are three such Conferences in the region—the Northern, the

South-Eastern, and the South-Western. Pastors, preachers, and colporteurs, once a month, or once in two months, in these three districts meet at some appointed place. They gather as early in the week as possible, and separate again at the close of the week so as to be at their respective stations on Sabbath. In the evenings and mornings of the Conference week they study the Scriptures together, and have mutual counsel and prayer. On Wednesday afternoon there is a meeting for prayer, and for conference on some subject bearing on their work. Two men are appointed to open the discussion. Among the subjects have been these:—‘How to make the Sabbath Services more profitable;’ ‘How is the precept “Take heed unto thyself and to the flock” to be obeyed?’ ‘What is the best way of preaching to the heathen?’ ‘Family worship;’ ‘Sabbath observance.’ The rest of the time is spent in preaching in the neighbourhood; and they report that they have almost invariably met with audiences ready to listen to them. They have felt that this was perhaps owing to the fact that they were more urgent about the matter themselves. One of the newly opened stations is the fruit of the preaching during one of these Conference weeks—the station of Liok-go. When it was first visited, the people came out almost in a body to hear the new doctrine, and since that time some of them have given evidence of having turned from idols to serve the living and true God.

The work has during the year been largely extended, no fewer than *five* new stations having been opened, which are all centres of importance and influence. The *first* of them is Liok-go, a group of fishing villages to the south-east of the city of Chang-pu. Large numbers are coming to hear the Gospel there, and some of them, in the face of keen opposition, are decided in their adherence to Christianity. The *second* is Eng-lai, a market town on a confluent of the Chin-chew river. The expense of rent and furnishing here is provided by the congregation in the city of Chin-chew. The *third* is Eng-leng, a seaport to the south-east of Chin-chew. The expenses here are paid by the An-hai congregation. The *fourth* is Phoa-noa, a town about twelve or fourteen miles north-west of Chin-chew. Here, as also in Eng-leng, the influence of the Chin-chew hospital has been of the greatest service in securing a place for public worship. The *fifth* is O-thau, an important town to the north-west of Chin-chew, the centre of a large village population. The opening of these new stations makes the increase of our staff in Amoy all the more urgent.

The opposition of the magistrates and the literary clique has hitherto prevented our brethren from securing premises in Chang-pu. This opposition on the part of the ruling class has told injuriously upon all our work to the south and west of Amoy. It has emboldened the opponents of Christianity, and has entailed great suffering on many of the Christians. Some have been stripped of all they possessed, others have been plundered and beaten by their fellow-villagers, and on applying for redress have been driven away with contumely. Mr. McGregor writes expressing gratitude to God for the steadfastness of those who have had to endure such trials. The edict of toleration has not yet been translated into action in this district. The Missionaries

are still persevering in their efforts to procure the requisite premises ; and your Committee are looking out for men to occupy this new centre.

The Educational work at Amoy in the College, the Middle School, and in the Boys' and Girls' Schools has been carried on as usual during the year.

At the beginning of the year Miss MacLagan, of our Women's Missionary Association, and Miss Talmage of the American Mission, visited Chin-chew and spent a few days there. They were invited to the residence of Sun Tai-jin, a military mandarin of high rank, and spent the greater part of an afternoon with the ladies of the Yamen. None of them had heard anything of the Gospel before this visit. They were also invited to other places and had excellent opportunities of telling the glad tidings to the women.

In connection with Chin-chew your Committee have to report the translation of the Pechuia Pastor, the Rev. Tan-leng, to the pastorate of the Chin-chew Congregation. Tan-leng has rendered valuable assistance in all our Southern field ; and now that he has gone to the North, great hopes are entertained that he will be equally helpful there. The scene at his induction was most solemn and affecting. There was a very large congregation, and among those who were not connected with the Church were two native gentlemen, the grandsons of two Viceroy's. One of them is grandson of the Viceroy at Canton, who was the immediate successor of the well-known Yeh.

The work in the hospitals at Chin-chew and Amoy is carried on with increasing blessing and profit. The Chin-chew hospital has been, as will be seen from the former part of this report, a main factor in securing us a footing in our newly opened stations. The range of its work is over a very wide area, and it is hardly possible to overestimate the value of an institution that is sending the Gospel and its beneficent results over such a large district. The same is true of the hospital work at Amoy. The only limits to the number of patients seem to be the limits of the doctors' time and the accommodation provided.

SWATOW.

The departure for home of Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Miss Ricketts, and Miss Mann left the Mission rather short-handed ; and the sickness of more than one of the members that remained was a further cause of weakness.

But the work has gone on advancing. One hundred and eight adults have been admitted by baptism during the year, a larger number than for some years past. Of these, it is most gratifying to observe that some are fruits of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and that twenty of them have been hospital patients. A marked feature in these receptions has been the number of entire households professing their faith and receiving baptism. In one case a household of three generations was baptised at the same time. A family, professedly Christian, consisting of parents, four sons and one daughter, have received a great blessing. Three of the sons and their wives seemed very indifferent. The daughter took ill and died. She gave, during her illness, such

evidence of the power of the Gospel, and died so triumphantly, that the careless members of the family have all been aroused.

A remarkable work of grace in the village of Sin-un has been very cheering to our brethren. Mr. Smith had the privilege of baptising twenty-four adults on one occasion in that village. The work there is spreading; and these new converts are manifesting the reality of their profession by paying all the current expenses of their Station and by subscribing liberally to the Preachers' Fund. The native Church in the Swatow region now numbers nearly 1,000 persons in full communion.

The number of stations is now twenty-five. During the year suitable premises for public worship have been got at three different places. These premises have been secured notwithstanding the persistent opposition of the ruling powers. The Committee deeply regret that as yet suitable premises have not been secured in Chao-chow-foo. Continued efforts have been made, and are still being made; but such is the opposition that no native will dare to rent or sell.

To meet the wants of this wide field there are seventeen native preachers. They are assisted by twelve or thirteen Church members who are not on the regular staff, so that really every Lord's Day there are about thirty native brethren engaged in preaching the Gospel to their fellow-countrymen.

In addition to these Agents two Colporteurs, supported by the Scottish National Bible Society, have been at work during part of the year. They have already visited a great many towns and villages, selling wherever they go the Scriptures and Christian Tracts. The demand for such books is limited, yet the success the Colporteurs have already had leads them to work on in hope.

In the College the year began with nineteen students. Two left, and two were dismissed for improper conduct, so that the number now in residence is only fifteen. The brethren feel this number quite inadequate to meet the wants of their field. Prayer has been specially made on the part of the native Christians for young men to be thrust forth to help in the work.

Two preachers have been licensed by the Presbytery during the year. One of these received a call from the Mi-ow Congregation. The Presbytery moderated in the call; but it was declined, and no further steps have yet been taken by the Congregation.

Mr. Paton sends a full report of the work under his charge. His principal work is in the Middle School at Swatow. In addition to this he visits and carefully examines the Elementary Schools in the country. Progress is being made in these, as will be seen from the following tabulated statement:—

	1885	1886
No. of Elementary Schools . . .	6	7
Total No. of Scholars in attendance .	44	67
Percentage of passes . . .	76	82
Total amount of fees . . .	39.62 dols.	60.79 dols.

The amount of fees paid during the year in the Middle School is 129 dollars, rather more per head than last year.

The Girls' School at Swatow is under the superintendence of the Missionaries' wives. It was the first school of this kind established by our Mission. Its history has been one unvarying record of very efficient work. Of the twenty-five girls in the School during the year, nine were received to the full Communion of the Church.

The Medical Missionary work is under the care of Dr. Cousland. The hospital at Swatow maintains its foremost position of importance and usefulness. The total number of in-patients during the year was 3,592, and of out-patients 1,944—in all, 5,536. Of these 842 were women. During the year 306 persons came asking to be cured from opium-smoking. To secure some guarantee for the sincerity and earnestness of those professing to seek relief from the opium habit, a fee of one dollar was asked when they applied for admission. It was found that some were coming merely to tide over such temporary difficulties as made it impossible for them to indulge in the habit, and so the fee was imposed. On this account the number of opium patients is less; but it is hoped that more good has been effected.

Owing to Mr. Gibson's absence in Japan, on account of his health, we have not such a full report as usual of the work of the Mission Printing-press. One valuable and handsome volume has been produced in 1886. It is the work of Mr. Gibson, and is entitled 'The Swatow Index.' In this volume we have the Chinese characters found in 'Dr. Williams's Dictionary,' the really standard dictionary of Chinese, and side by side with these are placed their Swatow sounds and tones in Roman letters. References are given to 'Williams's Dictionary' and to Dr. Douglas's 'Dictionary of the Amoy Vernacular.' This work has cost much labour, and will prove an invaluable help to Missionaries and also to Chinese who are acquainted with the Romanised printing.

There is one matter which has been causing anxiety to our brethren in the Swatow and Hak-ka country. An Imperial Commissioner is now in the region, and he seems to have power to punish offenders of all kinds; and no matter when the alleged offence was committed, in some cases so far back as even thirty years ago, the alleged offenders are dealt with in a most summary way. In such times as these the position of the Missionary is most trying. Though no crime may have been committed by the Christians since their profession of Christianity, yet they might have been involved in former years in the incessant clan-feuds that are the curse of China, and in consequence they are liable to suffer like other Chinese subjects for their conduct. Mr. Smith earnestly beseeches the prayers of God's people for the native Christians and the Missionaries. Mr. Duffus writes that the past year has been one in which the sincerity of the converts in some parts of the Swatow field has been severely tested, and that while some have showed signs of weakness and wavering, he is thankful to say the majority is standing firm.

THE HAK-KA MISSION.

Early in the year this Mission was weakened by the return to this country of Mr. and Mrs. MacIver. The pastoral and evangelistic work then fell mainly to Dr. Riddel, while Dr. McPhun took almost sole charge of the Medical department.

The stations, thirteen in number, are scattered over a wide region. They have all been visited twice, and some of them as often as four times, during the year. In the course of these visits evangelistic as well as pastoral work has been done.

Dr. Riddel has had to face discouragements as well as to rejoice over evident tokens of blessing. He has had difficulties and disappointments at some of the oldest stations, which necessitated prompt and adequate discipline in the case of some Church members and two or three office-bearers.

The increase in the membership has been principally at the new stations. At one station, Sin-thyen, where there were only *two* members, *eight* have been added during the year. At another place, Ho-heu, there is a most interesting movement. One of the native preachers was itinerating in the neighbourhood of that village, when he received a cordial invitation to come on the Sabbath and preach to the villagers. There has been something approaching to a famine in the district from the failure of the rice crop. To such straits were the people reduced that they were collecting fern-roots to eke out their scanty supply of rice. Work has been commenced at Thai-yong, a village among the hills, 2,000 feet above the level of the sea. The first leading to this place was through some natives who had been patients in the hospital at our central station. Already four of the villagers have been received by baptism, and the villagers generally seem favourable to the movement. Our brethren have met here some Roman Catholics. They have been in the place for more than *thirty* years. The feeling towards them is not very favourable. Resentment has arisen from the action of a Roman Catholic priest, who has been actively engaged in acquiring and holding land. Facility for such trafficking arises from the terrible pinch of poverty over all the Hak-ka region.

A similar request for help came from another village, Kau-thyen, and a preacher visits the place every alternate Sabbath. A similar arrangement has been made at Yun-thin. The lack of a sufficient number of preachers makes this the only plan possible.

A system of Bible lessons begun two years ago has been continued. During the year the Book of Exodus and the Acts of the Apostles have been read. The preacher usually gives a lecture on the lesson at the morning service on Sabbath, and at the afternoon service he puts questions to the worshippers on the subject of the lecture. This is found to be an excellent plan for interesting and instructing the audience.

At Thong-hang, our missionaries have had to deplore a violent outbreak of persecution. The cause was the refusal of the Christians to contribute for the performance of heathen plays. They could not as Christians do so. They were attacked and beaten, their houses broken into and partially plundered, and they themselves had to flee for their lives. No redress has yet been obtained for this outrage. These persecuted Christians have been finding employment in various places, and their native brethren have been contributing to help them. With one exception, they have endured their trials in a Christian way; and though constantly threatened they have not lost courage.

The work in the College had, after Mr. McIver's departure, to be

given up, and the students were sent out to take charge of stations and to evangelise. In this way more evangelistic work has been done than in any previous year. During August all the preachers assembled for a month's instruction. They were taught four hours daily by Dr. Riddel and the College Tutor. On their return to their stations the junior students were called in, and they have since been constantly under the care of the Tutor.

The Middle School has had seven pupils in attendance during the year, and each boy has to pay five dollars annually.

There are eight elementary Schools with an aggregate attendance of fifty boys. In the school at the central station, boys from the country are received. They are boarded in the middle school, and have to pay as much as their board at home would cost.

Christian giving has not been neglected, and steady advance is being made. To the preaching fund sixty-five dollars have been contributed. They have also given for church-building, for current expenses, for the poor, and for persecuted brethren.

The hospital work has been carried on under Dr. McPhun's care. More than 2,000 new patients have been treated during the year, and several hundreds have been treated at the out-stations. The evangelistic work in connection with the hospital here, as elsewhere, has been regularly carried on by the native assistants.

FORMOSA.

Last year in our Formosa Mission is one that has filled our brethren's hearts 'with humble thankfulness and prayerful hopefulness.' Such are the words they use regarding the year's work, and such are our feelings regarding it. In the midst of much worldliness and coldness, and even backsliding on the part of some, there have been manifest tokens of the work of God's own Spirit, and steady and solid advance has been made. More than 100 adults have been baptized during the year.

There are now thirty-four stations, and of these three, Gu-ta-oan, Tau-lak, and Chiang-hoa have been opened during the year. The scene of the outrage on Mr. Barclay, the village of Ji-lun, still remains closed to us, but our brethren have not given up hope that it may soon be opened. Dr. Lang has paid two visits to the place, and these have proved very beneficial.

The number of native preachers is twenty-five, in addition to two who are employed as tutors in the College and Middle School, and two who have gone on the Mission to the Pescadores. Few of these have had much regular training, and this our brethren regret. They are, however, trying to remedy this by a system of half-yearly examinations, and by taking three of the preachers to read in the College for some months, supplying their places by students.

During the course of the year Mr. Thow spent a full week at most of the stations, and to some of them he made two visits during the year. He noted that his reception was favourable or otherwise according to the estimate in which the native Christians were held. A kind

and forbearing attitude on their part in the long run disarms opposition and begets kindly respect. At Ka-gi and at Tau-lak Mr. Thow was specially cheered by the accessions to the Church, and by the earnest desire to carry the Gospel to others which was so abundantly evident.

The outstanding feature of the year has been the Missionary zeal manifested by the native Church. They have undertaken the whole charge of a Mission to the Pescadores Islands. Mr. Campbell visited this group, and full accounts of his interesting visit have been given in the 'Messenger.' The monthly magazine, the 'Taiwanfoo Church News,' gave details of the visit, and appealed to the native Church. The matter was at once taken up, and all over the field contributions were heartily given. The total sum subscribed amounts to 160 dollars, sufficient to carry on the work for a considerable time. Two native Missionaries have been sent and are now on the islands. This enterprise has aroused a healthy spirit of interest in the spread of the Gospel. In addition to this movement there has been another of a similar kind in the congregations in the Toa-sia region. They have assumed the expense of new work in the important district city of Chang-hoa. For this purpose they have already contributed 150 dollars.

And this matter of Church finance has been looked at not only on its Missionary side, but in all its bearings. The Missionary givings have not to any appreciable degree interfered with giving for the support of Gospel ordinances among themselves. They now see that Christian liberality really begins when they have performed the natural duty of paying their own preachers and all the other expenses incurred in their own places of worship.

Increased attention is being drawn to the purely evangelistic work. On Tuesday afternoons in the city of Taiwanfoo a prayer meeting is held. At its close, those who are present—Missionaries, students, and Church members—go in bands to different parts of the city and preach in the open air. They have been well received, and large audiences are frequently got. Considerable numbers of books are sold on these occasions. The students generally go from Saturday till Monday to various market towns in the neighbourhood and preach the Gospel.

The *College* during the year has been under the special care of Mr. Barclay. All the other Missionaries have assisted him in the teaching. There are at present eleven students in residence.

Our Missionary teacher, Mr. Ede, reports favourably of the Middle School under his charge. The average attendance during the year has been thirty, the minimum age for admission being twelve. To guard against pauperising the people a fee of ten dollars is charged for board. In addition to the boarders there are some day pupils. Mr. Ede speaks hopefully of his pupils, and seems to enjoy and be blessed in his work. He hoped to have got suitable premises built last winter, but difficulties about the site have caused delay.

The *Printing-press* in Formosa has been in operation for eighteen months. The principal work done during the past year has been

the regular publication in Romanised colloquial of 'The Taiwanfoo Church News,' an eight-page monthly. About 600 copies are sent out. It has proved a valuable factor in the work. To it we are largely and principally indebted for the starting of the Mission to the Pescadores. In addition to Church news and notices this periodical gives general papers of interest and importance. A catechism translated by Mr. Ede, tracts, alphabet sheets, several books of the New Testament in connection with a revised version, and other printed matter have been produced during the year. This work is supported entirely by sales and donations from various friends.

Dr. Lang has been actively engaged in the Medical Missionary department. In addition to his work in the Taiwanfoo hospital he has made several visits to the country Stations, and these visits have invariably been productive of good.

A site for a new hospital has not yet been secured. Our brethren have had no settlement in the matter of the opposition showed in connection with the site proposed; but they by no means despair regarding it.

SINGAPORE.

The Chinese found at Singapore come principally from the Provinces of Canton and Fuh-kien, the majority from the former. The dialect of the language used by Mr. Cook and his assistants is that spoken in the region of our Swatow Mission. The preacher from Amoy returned to China, and Mr. Cook has not succeeded in getting another to take his place. Indeed the great want at this Station is *preachers*; and the demand for these is so great in China that the brethren there are not able to send any to Singapore.

The adult membership at Singapore has year risen from 71 to 104. Of these thirty-one persons were baptized and received to Communion during 1886. In a place like Singapore, the membership is constantly undergoing change. The Chinese are going out as well as coming in. To some extent this is discouraging, while viewed in another way it shows that the influence which is being exerted operates in a wide circle. While fourteen adults were received on certificate we have to note that twelve left.

The Mission has now five Stations, and evangelistic work is carried on at several hospitals and in the prison. Of the members received during the year three were from the prison and four from the hospitals.

The want of preachers has called forth a gratifying amount of voluntary effort on the part of the Church members. Mr. Cook has been zealously assisted by five of these volunteers, and by the native preacher in the employ of the Mission.

Another feature of the year is the liberal Christian giving of this Chinese Church. The total given was more than 600 dollars.

Mrs. Cook has been doing all she can for the women, and has thus been lending substantial help to her husband in an important department of his work.

INDIA.

In December last Dr. Morison, we regret to say, was once more laid down with a severe attack of fever, of which there was a great deal at the time all round them. He was greatly prostrated for a fortnight, and, after partial recovery, he had several fresh attacks; but he now reports himself on the 17th of January as quite well. The illness was chiefly due to his having neglected to take a change at the close of the rainy season; and should the fever return he contemplates a short sea-voyage to restore health.

In giving some account of progress during the year, he writes of the Girls' School :—

The beginning of the year was greatly occupied with the uninteresting details of acquiring a site for our new Girls' School, preparing plans and estimates, and collecting materials to begin building. We are now so far advanced that the walls are twelve feet above ground; but for lack of bricks, which we must manufacture ourselves, the work is at a standstill. We hope, however, by the beginning of February to be able to resume the work, and possibly the school may be completed and opened ere the year comes to a close.

Two dispensaries were kept open all the year through without any break, as Dr. Morison was not able on account of other duties to leave the station for the usual itinerations in the district. The number of patients that visited the two dispensaries during the year gives a fair idea of the extent to which they were appreciated by the poor villagers in the district. During the year 10,321 visits were made to the dispensaries; of these, 3,681 made one visit, and 6,550 made more than one. This large number of patients represents a wide area; but the great majority live within a radius of ten miles from the Station. Every patient who comes hears the Gospel message, receives a tract, and frequently purchases a copy of a portion of the Bible, or one of the Gospels, which are sold separately at less than a halfpenny.

The preachers and colporteurs have carried on their itinerating work regularly, and the sales and distribution of Scriptures, books, and tracts have been greater than in any previous year. This distribution of Christian literature is of very great importance. The rapid spread of education has created a demand for literature of some kind; but as yet the vernacular language is destitute of a literature pure enough to influence the people morally. This defect is slowly being remedied by our tract, book, and Bible societies, and specially by the Christian Vernacular Education Society. Such agencies, though doing a great deal to supply the felt want, are far from meeting the requirements of the reading public. The enemies of morality in the large cities are not slow to take advantage of this, but are daily endeavouring by means of cheap, vile literature to profit by the widespread taste for reading. The books soon filter into the surrounding towns and villages, and for this reason it is of great importance that a good healthy literature should be first in the field. There have been this year two colporteurs (one from the Bible Society) itinerating with this one object throughout Rajshaye and adjoining districts.

A large fair at Premtolla, twelve miles west of the Station, was visited, and a new feature consisted in night addresses, accompanied

with the magic lantern. Immense crowds would gather round, and listen with breathless attention to the story of the Flood, the Saviour, or the Prodigal Son; and we found it a great help to be in some measure familiar with the Hindoo traditions, many of which are but dim reflections of Christian truths. Our Sunday-school children who provided the magic lantern will be delighted to hear this.

Dr. Morison tells us that he and his assistants had many serious conversations with the pilgrims and devotees at the fair, all of whom confess the fruitless nature of their pilgrimages and austerities, but hope for deliverance from sin and its consequences in some future incarnation. To such they preached Jesus, a present Saviour from the guilt and power of sin.

The Schools.—The schools have done well, especially the Girls' Schools, during the year; but the Middle Vernacular School has not been numerously attended, as there is a desire to go off to English schools before completing their vernacular course. We have not yet seen our way clear to provide classes for teaching English. Sabbath evening lectures and the bazaar vernacular preaching are continued as opportunities offer, and the distribution of tracts in the town goes on regularly. Baboo Sheetol is now practically the pastor (although unordained) of the little flock of about fifty persons, including members, adherents, and children, and he is in every way giving satisfaction.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

H. M. MATHESON, *Convener.*

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 566.]

APPENDIX.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

In bringing before you the work of the Association for the year 1886, we do so acknowledging with much thankfulness God's lovingkindness. We have from each of our Mission stations accounts of progress, with the assurance that there is everywhere a readiness to hear of our God, and that it is only the lack of workers which hinders the more rapid spread of the Gospel in China and India. We are glad to tell that Miss Black has been joined by Miss Harkness, she having been alone since Miss Ricketts' and Miss Mann's return last year.

We give a brief report from each of our Mission stations:—

Swatow.—Mrs. Gibson writes:—

The session of 1885-6 was not marked by anything striking. The work of the school went on as usual, and our numbers were much the same as last year. We have arranged a four years' course of study for the girls; hitherto they have been taught by themselves. We now have the help of one of our former pupils, who is married, A-Ki-So; she comes for an hour and a half daily to teach the lowest class to read and write character. This arrangement gives the teacher more time to devote to the more advanced pupils. All our girls learn to read and write in Roman character—in this the Chinese language is easily read—the words being short and spelt phonetically. We look forward to each of our girls as they leave us teaching one or two others; thus in time our church members will be no longer weak and ignorant,

but strong and intelligent, being enlightened by the pure Word of God, which at present many of them are unable to read. In conducting this work we feel our own insufficiency, and would plead for an interest in your prayers.

Miss Black sends us the following report of the Bible-women, also a short account of her own work in visiting some of the stations in the interior :—

Miss Ricketts sent a report of the work up to February. I shall begin with the opening of the Spring session in March. We began with one Bible-woman and three students. A fourth was sent on probation, to teach and visit at the north-east stations under the superintendence of the minister there; this with a view to her subsequent appointment as Bible-woman. The woman read in character most of the second half of the Book of Genesis, Mark's Gospel, the first Epistle of John, Miss Ricketts' sheet tracts, the hymn-book, and repeated the whole of the catechism; also in Romanised Luke's Gospel and sixteen chapters of Genesis. The Bible-woman who is in advance of the others translated the Epistle to the Romans. Ho-sim and Hang-ni continue their work at their respective stations; Uang-ni spent the summer at Kit-ie, teaching at the chapel and visiting families. Thiam-ti-Sim remained in Swatow, visiting the people and doing a good deal of work at the hospital. These four, with the two women working in Hak-ka, complete the number of Bible-women employed by the Swatow Mission during 1886. Since the vacation Sien-Sim has been set apart by the Mission council as a Bible-woman, having proved herself suitable for the work while on probation; thus our numbers are increased to seven. I have made two journeys into the interior. Wherever we went we found a ready entrance to the homes of the people, with a willingness to listen to what we had to tell. At Phu-Soa I was able to arrange for the starting of a girls' school. The minister's daughter readily agreed to act as teacher. Fourteen girls joined, and all are eager to learn. They were to meet in the women's side of the chapel. I feel satisfied that frequent visits to the country are necessary for the efficient carrying on of the work, and for this we are too short of labourers; we desire that God may raise up some to come to our help.

Formosa.—Miss Stuart and Miss Butler send frequent accounts of the ready entrance they find into the homes of the people. They have now got over much of the difficulty of the language, so that their work will become more interesting to them. The girls' school is again opened. Miss Stuart writes :—

In no single instance have we been refused admittance. In many cases, on asking the women if we might tell them about our God, they replied, with apparent sincerity, that they did desire to hear. Miss Butler and I visit twice a week in the hospital, in the women's wards. We are thankful to tell that this has not been without result; more than one have become hearers of the Gospel, attending regularly the Sabbath services. We have a night school in the hospital to teach reading and writing. Eight or nine have attended, and all are anxious to learn.

Mrs. Thompson has been carrying on work among the girls. Three afternoons a week they met at her house for reading, writing, arithmetic, and sewing. We have a children's class on Sunday. We have reason to look forward most hopefully to our winter's work, and in looking back we do so with much thankfulness, and go forward, knowing that 'He who has led will still lead.'

Amoy.—We have accounts of steady progress of the work at Amoy. Miss Johnston is now able to help in the school. Miss Maclagan writes :—

This year we have had about thirty girls. At the close of the Chinese year they were examined, and in some subjects obtained full marks. This year we have noticed a great improvement in the tone of the school and general conduct of the girls. They are more truthful, more kind and obliging to one another, owing, I think, to the good influence of their two young Chinese teachers. During the past year only two of our girls have been admitted to the church; still we have reason to believe that others have taken Christ as their Saviour, and are trying to follow in His footsteps.

The *Hak-ka* country.—Mrs. MacIver is still in this country, and thus Mrs. Riddel is doing the work of the girls' school alone. God has given her strength, and the session has been a successful one. The girls were examined by the college tutor, Kan-Ryen; three of them got prizes, and most of them had made satisfactory progress, especially in sewing. Mrs. Riddel, being so far from all female companionship, and carrying on not only the school, but a large class for women, needs especially our prayerful sympathy.

Rampore Bauleah.—This year has brought us several changes in Rampore Bauleah. Miss Bayly has been obliged, on account of her health, to give up her work. Miss Symington, having married, is also being removed from the sphere of labour there. We have sent out another agent, Miss Thomson, and we hope soon to send another. All our letters from Mrs. Morison bring most encouraging accounts of the work to which she and her helpers have given so much devoted labour.

Miss Symington writes:—

The average attendance of pupils during the last year has been thirty-two. Eight of our girls went up for a public examination. In arithmetic they were backward, and thus lost the chance of passing the full examination, but two of them were at the head of the list in literature. There were sixty competitors, all boys, except ours. In the end of September we had our last school examination, four gentlemen of leading educational position acting as examiners, Dr. Morison taking the scripture knowledge. They all expressed themselves as satisfied with the results.

The frequent letters from Mrs. Morison published in 'Our Sisters' have given full accounts of the work done in the zenanas.

We desire to express how sensible we are of the unfailing help given by the wives of our missionaries at each of the Mission stations.

With regard to our home work, we have only four new associations to record; still we believe this small number is not caused by lack of increased interest, but from the fact that many congregations find in years of mercantile depression that they are not in a position to commence fresh work.

We regret to tell of Miss Robertson's resignation as Secretary for Foreign correspondence; and desire to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, the valuable services she has rendered to the Association. In supplying the vacancy of Foreign correspondent, it has been arranged that our Treasurer and Foreign Secretary should be one, as far as business is concerned; and that we should have a lady chosen from among the members of committee for each Mission station, to keep up friendly intercourse by letter with our agents.

M. J. STEVENSON, *Hon. Sec.*

V.

REPORT OF THE JEWISH MISSION COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

YOUR Committee have again the satisfaction of being able to refer to the Home Branch of your Mission as in a healthful state. The work is patiently and earnestly prosecuted on what Mr. Meyer happily calls 'the old-established lines,' and the encouragement of distinct fruits has not been wanting. Indeed, it will be felt that special blessing has been resting on the Mission during the past year, when it is mentioned that out of a band of fifty-four inquirers instructed by the Missionary, as many as seventeen have made a Christian profession by receiving the ordinance of Baptism. Ten of these had the rite administered by other Missionaries, to whom it was convenient for them to apply; but six were baptized by Mr. Meyer himself, and one by the Rev. Dr. Saphir. A goodly sheaf this surely is to have been gathered from the sowing of a year. The result of Mission labours faithfully carried on is not, indeed, to be estimated by the mere instances of known conversions, but, when these graciously occur, the bearer of the precious seed is privileged to rejoice. Your Committee feel that their joy and thankfulness need not be shaded by any fear that there may have been superficiality or haste in the work, or a gathering of fruits before due ripeness. Our Missionary has always been distinguished by his caution and thoroughness in dealing with converts. The Committee may here refer, for illustration, to a communication from Mr. Meyer which appeared in the *Messenger* of March 4, in which he gives some particulars respecting three cases of Baptism recently administered. The stories he there briefly details are in themselves deeply interesting, but are valuable also as showing what evidences of reality in the profession made by his disciples alone satisfy the Missionary. He may well look for participation by the Church in the joy he feels over these his children in the faith of Jesus. Of the band of inquirers from whom these cheering instances come, Mr. Meyer says :—

The number of those on my list who had applied for and received instructions throughout the year is forty-five; but a great many who had only one or two conversations with me I did not put down at all. They did not come back because they had heard enough to see that what they were seeking they would not find with us. In the case of others it took a longer time before they saw that, and then they voluntarily withdrew from the instruction they had solicited, and by their voluntary withdrawal delivered me from the fear that by sending them away I might possibly break the bruised reed or quench the smoking flax. Others, more hopeful ones, I was obliged to hand over to other Missionaries, who by outward circumstances were better able to take care of them. . . . Of these fifty-four inquirers six or eight only had some Rabbinical knowledge or had some idea

of what Judaism is, or ought to be. The great majority had no idea at all of what religion is, or claims to be. Some were even utterly ignorant of the Bible, or their whole knowledge of Judaism consisted in their knowing that certain ceremonies had been practised in their parental home, which, however, they had thrown away since they left it. That circumstance makes the instruction more difficult, if it were only for the necessity which it imposes on me of taking every inquirer by himself. But all the more cheering it is when we see the Word taking root, when we see the germ of a new life springing up—above all when they learn to pray. And that joy we have had in the cases of public profession and Baptism already referred to.

In former Reports it has repeatedly been a great gratification to your Committee to be able to refer to the steadfastness in the faith maintained by the great majority of the converts connected with the Mission from year to year. The fewness of instances of backsliding or falling away among them has been to the friends of the Mission a subject of much thanksgiving, almost of some surprise. On this subject we have again this testimony from Mr. Meyer:—

Of those who were baptized this year it is still too early to speak. Of the converts of former years I can only repeat what I said in my last year's Report, that, as far as possible, we try to keep up our connection with them, and that, with a very few exceptions, all of them are walking worthy of the vocation wherewith they have been called, while some are burning and shining lights, bright instances and monuments of the power of the Holy Ghost. Those who are settled in London continue to consider the Mission Hall as their spiritual birthplace, and attend the meetings there as often as they can. With them converts from other Missions have joined, who regularly attend the meetings in the Hall, because they find there the spiritual food they want, so that there is, indeed, in our Hall the nucleus of a Hebrew Christian Congregation. . . I, however, recommend to all my converts to become members of a regular Congregation.

Mr. Meyer adds this touching circumstance :

One of my converts was a passenger in the ill-fated ship *Kapunda*. The conversations I had with her before her departure gave me good ground to believe that she is with the Lord.

The work of visiting and, as opportunity offers, preaching the Gospel from house to house—a work at once difficult and important, has been sedulously continued by the Missionary and his assistant ; some forty hours weekly being spent in this way. Among the unbelieving Jews the task is often very trying. But the number of houses open to visits has this year again increased, though oftentimes the conversations, while very interesting, are too much in the way of meeting difficulties and removing objections—too controversial, in short, to be ‘strengthening or refreshing.’ We quote, further, here a few sentences from Mr. Meyer's Report to the Committee:—

Several heads of families are intellectually convinced that Jesus is the Messiah promised to the fathers, but as they are not convinced of sin, and in consequence have not experienced Him, and indeed cannot experience Him as a Saviour able and willing to save to the uttermost all that come to Him, they have not the strength needful for breaking those ties by which they are held within the pale of Judaism, or for facing the difficulties they are sure to meet with when they leave the Synagogue and join the Church. . . This

experience, although sad in itself, is, however, salutary to us, the Committee's agents. It shows us our insufficiencies, forces us more earnestly to seek strength from on High, and more fervently to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. . . . When that fructifying rain descends the seed sown will be quickened, and the fruit will appear.

Mr. Meyer, in his Report to your Committee, after illustrating the self-denying character of this visiting work—by referring to occasional instances of offered rudeness, and to the pain of having to listen to words of blasphemy or mockery, mentioning that the presence of a stranger will at times change the bearing of a whole family, where formerly a good reception had been experienced, so that the visitor, like Jacob with Laban, sees that the countenance is not towards him as before—goes on to say about another branch of the visitation, carried on by his assistant:—

Mr. Polan has continued also to visit the coffee-houses and dining-rooms frequented by Jews, and also to address those he meets in the streets. His journal frequently contains accounts of very interesting conversations; sometimes also, however, of rude and insulting treatment. But he is not discouraged thereby, considers it rather a high privilege to suffer shame and reproach in the service and for the sake of Christ his Saviour.

In connection with this reference to Mr. Polan's name, your Committee are glad to report that Mr. Meyer speaks with increasing satisfaction of the devoted conduct and growing serviceableness of his assistant. The management of the reading-room is now almost entirely committed to his hand, and no inconsiderable tact and skill are required to make its use subservient to the great end in view. It continues to be largely frequented, and is a chief means of leading to inquiry in regard to the Christian faith. Mr. Polan has also charge of the little home for inquirers, which the liberality of a few friends enabled your Missionary to institute last year. A few sentences from Mr. Meyer's Report may be given here in explanation of the object aimed at by this auxiliary to the arrangements of the Mission, and of its working thus far:—

I was very unwilling (says Mr. Meyer) to undertake it, as I know too well the sad results which institutions of that kind, when badly managed, are apt to produce; but the fact of my being unable sufficiently to study the character of my inquirers when I saw them for one hour a day only, and did not know what they were doing and with whom they were conversing during the remaining twenty-three hours, together with the liberal offer mentioned above, overcame my difficulties. Our home is small, containing three beds only, but we are now able to offer to the inquirer or candidate for Baptism the quiet asylum which he requires for the study of Scripture, for meditation and prayer, and in all of which we are now able to assist him, while, at the same time, we can exercise the strict superintendence which is so indispensable for studying character, and for giving us the assurance which we ought to have in baptizing anyone. We do not, however, receive anyone who applies, although there may even be a vacant bed, but such only as we have known for some time, and of whom we have reason to think that they are sincere inquirers. There were in the home during the year for a longer or shorter period eleven inmates, of whom three were baptized, four were sent away, two left of their own accord, two were carried off (I might almost say, kidnapped) by the Jews at the last moment. Most

touching was the case of a man from Riga. His wife, whom he had informed of his resolution to confess Christ and be baptized, came expressly from Riga to prevent that, and she and his brother-in-law, who lives here in London, literally dragged him away—the poor man crying, but unable to resist—and took him back to Riga. The home is in the house of Mr. Polan, who, with self-denial and his usual fervour and devotedness, superintends it.

The distribution of Tracts and Scriptures—for supplies of which on liberal terms your Committee have again been indebted to the Tract and Bible Societies—has been continued throughout the year, as heretofore. Entire Bibles and complete New Testaments have not been indiscriminately given, chiefly indeed to inquirers under instruction, but portions of the Word of God, as well as tracts, have been more liberally distributed. ‘They are all,’ says the Missionary, ‘silent preachers of righteousness, and no one can tell how much good may be done by them.’

Of the ‘evening class’ for the teaching of English, which was resumed in October for the winter months, Mr. Meyer reports:—

It meets twice a week, and only the Bible is read. The roll contains sixty names. The attendance, though better than last year, still leaves very much to be desired; but that is the effect of circumstances over which we have no control. Those who attended regularly made creditable progress, and are now able to improve themselves in the knowledge of the English language, which, from a Missionary point of view, is of great importance. The fact that the Jews also have instituted such classes shows that we are closely watched, and is the best testimony to the importance of the class as a Missionary auxiliary.

The anniversary meeting was held this year somewhat later in the season. The crowded room, the wakeful attention of the throng, and the entire character of the proceedings, gave token of the extent to which the work of the Mission has rooted itself in the neighbourhood.

Your Committee think it will be interesting and serviceable if they embody now in this Report some observations of the Missionary on general aspects of work in the Jewish field. Speaking of the growing pressure of his labours, which he attributes to two things—(1) the continued immigration of Jews from the Continent, and (2) the peculiar phasis into which Judaism has entered—Mr. Meyer says:—

As regards the former, it is well known that, although open violence and atrocities are now rarely heard of, and, wherever attempted, are vigorously suppressed by the authorities, still anti-Semitism is not yet extinct in Austria and Germany; and in Russia and Roumania persecution is carried on by the Governments themselves, and is all the more dangerous and insidious, because it is carried on under the form of legality. By various enactments and restrictions it is rendered almost impossible for the poorer Jews to exist in Russia and Roumania; and no wonder, therefore, that all who can in any way manage it, emigrate. Germany, too, has expelled all the Russian Jews settled there, and, as many of them cannot return to Russia, they, too, are obliged to emigrate. Every steamer, therefore, that arrives from the Continent brings her cargo of Jews; and as these are for the most part poor and helpless from not knowing the language, ways, and manners of our country, they very soon find their way to the Mission Hall, seeking help and advice. Actual, material help we cannot give them; even

if there were not grave objections to so doing, the want of means would forbid it; but sympathy and advice they find, and we never fail to direct them to the one thing needful. If the Committee consider that on many a day we had from thirty to forty such applicants, they cannot but see what an amount of time this part of our work requires; how harassing it is to listen to tales of misery which we cannot relieve; how difficult it often is to bring the conversation to that point which is so dear to our hearts, and they will not wonder when I say that we are often groaning under this burden. And although from the very nature of this part of our work we can scarcely expect to see much visible fruit, yet it is indispensable that it should be done; and the Committee, I am sure, would not wish that we should leave it undone. But even it has not remained without a blessing from on high. Some of our best converts got their first impressions by thus coming to the Hall.

I have referred also to the peculiar phasis on which Judaism has entered at present. On this point I enlarged in my last year's Report. What I then stated is still true, and what I then prognosticated has, to a certain degree, been verified by the events of the year; while some eminent men occupying prominent positions among the so-called reformed Jews have publicly confessed Christ and joined the visible Church of Christ; while, in common with ourselves, all the Jewish missionaries on the Continent of Europe can report of easier access to the Jews, of their greater readiness to listen, of the more or less distinctly felt need of a religious faith on their part, of the increased number of inquirers and baptisms. The movement in South Russia under the leadership of Joseph Rabinowitz has been going on, gaining in extent and strength, and justifying the hopes which those who expect and desire a national conversion of the Jews, and the rising of a Hebrew-Christian Church, place upon it.

More significant even is the case of J. Lichtenstein, District Rabbi at Tapio Szela, in Hungary. Seeing downright infidelity spreading among the Jews, especially among the younger generation, his heart was moved, and in three pamphlets he called upon those who had fallen away from the faith and practice of Judaism to become Christians, i.e. followers of Christ. And in doing so he speaks of the character of Christ, and of the excellency and sublimeness of Christian ethics, in such glowing terms as certainly have never been heard from a Jew, so that mockingly the Jewish papers call him the Christian or Missionary Rabbi. True, it is the *man* Jesus he as yet knows and proclaims; but where Jesus is acknowledged as the *ideal* man, we may expect that the knowledge of Jesus Christ the Son of God will soon follow. At any rate, examples of this kind may be regarded as typical, and confirm our faith in the fulfilment of God's promises concerning His ancient people.

The mass of the people move, of course, more slowly. Having lost their faith in the old Rabbinical system, they seek to satisfy their religious cravings with some meaningless phrases or religious observances, and are feeding on ashes. If such a state of things not yielding any satisfaction to the cravings of the soul is, in the long run, impossible with any nation, it is more so in the case of the Jews. They are pre-eminently a religious race; if they are to have no religion their whole past history is inexplicable, and there is no reason for their continued existence as a separate race. Without, therefore, asserting that they are any nearer Christianity than formerly, their hatred and contempt of Christ and Christianity are abating and disappearing; and there is in individuals more readiness to enter into religious conversations, to listen to what we have to say; and not unfrequent are the cases that men come to the Hall, confessing that they have no religion at all, but, feeling that man cannot live without one, they are anxious to be

instructed. Can that instruction be refused? And although it and the conversations we have may not be productive of instantaneous visible results, can we imagine that they will be altogether in vain? The Word of God never returns void. Casting our bread upon the water, we may be sure that *after many days* we shall find it again.

In their Report to the Synod of 1886 your Committee had the satisfaction of being able to state that at length a distinct step in extension of the Mission had been taken by the engagement of a Medical Missionary—Dr. Robert Kerr—to labour among the Jews and general population of some suitable centre in Morocco. The towns of Rabat and Salee, on opposite banks of the same river, and on the Atlantic shore, had been provisionally selected, and for these as his destination Dr. Kerr sailed, as mentioned in our last Report, on February 20, 1886. He went by way of Gibraltar and Tangier, whence he was kindly accompanied on his further voyage to Rabat by Mr. McIntosh, agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society. On March 4 he reached the sphere of his future labours, landing on the shore amid so heavy a surf that a swelling wave caught and submerged him where he stood on an exposed spot on the deck, thus being, as his companion pleasantly remarked, baptized into Morocco. He was hospitably received into the home of Mr. Frost, the British Consul, and remained there until a house could be obtained for his own residence. By the good offices of his host, the difficulties in the way of procuring this were overcome, and a small tenement was taken, which, with some alterations and adaptations under Dr. Kerr's own direction, has served in a modest way the purpose of a medical mission-house. On his first occupancy of his home, the Missionary had to 'rough it,' as we familiarly say, a good deal, but now, with a lady's eye and hand to manage, discomforts will be lessened, and the Christian companionship of his wedded life will largely sustain in encountering such hardships as cannot be removed. It was satisfactory to the Committee to know from the first that Dr. Kerr was engaged to a suitable partner, though by all concerned it was judged advisable that his marriage should not take place till he had done the pioneer work of entering on his sphere of labour, and had prepared a home. Miss Jeffrey, accordingly, the young lady who was his betrothed, remained in this country till the month of September, when, accompanied by a friend, she proceeded to Gibraltar, where it had been arranged Dr. Kerr should meet her, and the wedding take place. All happened propitiously as arranged, and the marriage was celebrated on September 24, 1886, the Rev. Thomas Murray, of the Free Church, officiating. On the 30th of the same month, Dr. and Mrs. Kerr reached Rabat safely, and entered on the joint service to which they had devoted themselves.

In regard to Missionary work, Dr. Kerr's time thus far has necessarily been occupied almost wholly with preparations. Till he could in some measure master the necessary languages, any efforts to spread the Gospel could only be by very limited methods. To the acquisition, therefore, of Arabic and Spanish he gave himself, as far as difficulties in the way of securing the services of a competent teacher permitted. These difficulties were for some time very great, and occasioned perplexity and repeated disappointment. At length, a suitable instructor and inter-

preter has been found and engaged, and in recent letters Dr. Kerr describes himself and his wife as 'plodding on' under his guidance in study of the languages. He says that his teacher is otherwise helpful. His mother, too, a Christian woman, has had opportunity week by week of speaking words for Christ among her Moorish sisters in the graveyards, where, on Friday afternoons, they are in the habit of assembling. Dr. Kerr says that she has also been well received in several of the Jewish houses in the town.

As regards the exercise of Dr. Kerr's professional skill, your Committee are grateful to say that it has already procured for him a most favourable reputation, and contributed to his gradual winning of the general confidence of the community. Soon after his arrival, the news spread rapidly that a European Doctor had come to Rabat, and applications for medical aid speedily followed. Successful treatment of some noted cases gained him a name, and ere long his hands were full of work. It had been arranged that Dr. Kerr's practice needed not to be confined to the absolutely poor, but that where applicants were in circumstances to afford payment he might make reasonable charges, the amount going into the Mission Treasury. The financial statement shows to what extent this arrangement has already borne fruit. But the best result has been the establishing our Missionary in the favourable regard of the people at large, preparing his way, as we trust, for more direct service in the Gospel—his healing of the sick tending to win favourable audience for such words of truth as he shall be enabled to speak. Your Committee can only further express their thankfulness for this auspicious entrance, and commend the enterprise thus hopefully begun to the continued interest and prayers of the Church at large.

Referring, in conclusion, to the matter of funds, your Committee are pleased to be able to state that during the past year there has been some increase both in the number of Congregations contributing and the amounts contributed, though it is less satisfactory to find that the gain in a majority of the Presbyteries is lessened by a falling off in some others. As only 158 Congregations in all have made collections, there is still room, however, for addition to the number of our Churches that show practical interest in our work for the evangelisation of Israel. The balance in favour of the Mission, it will be seen from the printed account, is considerably larger than last year. But this result has been mainly due to the generosity of one individual, who within twelve months has twice sent to the fund a valuable donation of £100. As large contributions cannot always be hoped for or counted on, it is of supreme importance that all the Churches should take their share of pecuniary responsibility. The expense, besides, of the Mission may be expected to grow as the work expands, and the Committee trust that under God's blessing the liberality of the Church may correspondingly flow more fully. The United Presbyterian Church has with attentive promptitude fulfilled its generous promise of aid, and we trust that this sacred partnership in Christian work may long prosper.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by
JOHN EDMOND, *Convener*.

VI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE Rev. Dr. Symington, the Deputy appointed to visit the annual Synod of 'the Christian Missionary Church of Belgium,' which met in Nessonvaux, near Liège, in July, fulfilled his commission. He was cordially welcomed, and carried away a lively impression of the faith, earnestness, and perseverance of that evangelical and evangelistic Church. It is gratifying to find that notwithstanding the pressure of the times, the heavy debt which pressed upon the energies of the Church has been greatly diminished. Any help which our own Church may be able to contribute towards its entire extinction will be much esteemed. The next meeting of the Belgian Synod is looked forward to with special interest, as this year is the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Church, mainly through the efforts of the late honoured and lamented pastor, Léonard Anet.

The Deputy appointed to visit the Synod of the Waldensian Church was unfortunately unable, owing to indisposition, to fulfil his commission. The Mission-work of this Church is carried on with vigour and does not lack encouragement. The negotiations between the Waldenses and the Free Church of Italy continue, and the difficulties in the way of the desiderated union appear to have materially diminished.

Of the condition of other Protestant Churches in Europe, there is not much of what is special to report. Spain still shows itself on occasion capable of persecuting the propagators of Bible truth. In the matter of toleration, Austria lags behind other European nations. It is greatly to be desired that strong pressure be brought to bear on its Government, to secure the removal of petty and vexatious restrictions by which the freedom of Protestants is impaired and their activities hampered. The Martyr-church of Bohemia deserves, not only fair, but generous, treatment from the Austrian Government; it is growing in energy and zeal. The Protestant Churches of France have been struggling, not unsuccessfully, against diminished resources. The German Churches are beginning to long for greater independence. The Church in Holland is suffering from division in its ranks and conflicting opinions on fundamental doctrines of the faith. God has raised up men who are valiant for the truth, and He will care for His own cause.

The progress of Evangelical truth on the Continent of Europe during the fifty years of our Sovereign's reign is fitted to call forth devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church.

Turning now to our own country, the Committee have to report that the appointed Deputies visited the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland and were received with much cordiality. A special committee was appointed by the Assembly to confer with any committee which might be appointed by the Intercourse Committee of our Church, in reference to the proposed federal relations. A sub-committee was accordingly appointed by the Intercourse Committee and met in Edinburgh on December 2, with the Assembly's Committee, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Dr. Adam, of Glasgow. The Intercourse Committee were represented by the Rev. John Black, Rev. James Mackenzie, Mr. Robert Amos, elder, and the Convener. The terms of federation now subsisting between this Church and the United Presbyterian Church were carefully considered with a view of ascertaining whether, in the opinion of the Committee, the Free Church might agree in substance to the said terms. The Conference was of a most cordial and satisfactory character. It resulted in the adoption by the Free Church Committee of a minute which will be submitted to the General Assembly in May. Till that shall have been done no further step can be taken.

A fraternal letter was sent by the Moderator in name of this Church to the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and was cordially received. This year the Irish Assembly will be approached by deputation, and the Free Church Assembly by letter.

The three delegates appointed to visit the Synod of the Church of Scotland in England were unfortunately unable to fulfil their commission. It is hoped that this year there may be no such disappointment in the expression of good-will to a Church so nearly related to us.

The General Assembly of the Calvinistic Methodist Church of Wales met in July in Holyhead, and was visited by the appointed Deputies of our Church, viz., the Rev. W. Hutton and Mr. Francis Johnston. They were received in the most fraternal spirit. The following resolution was adopted by the Assembly, viz., 'That we regard with joy and satisfaction the present hopeful state of the negotiations between this Church and the Presbyterian Church of England, and approve generally of the suggestions submitted to us, with the exception only of No. III. on the list (*re Federal Council*), in regard to which we are sorry to say that, owing to certain difficulties mainly of a financial kind, we are at present unable to see our way clear to act in accordance with it, notwithstanding that in principle we heartily concur in it. That we empower the Committee to take the necessary steps for carrying out the said suggestions, subject to the before-mentioned limitation, and in so far as in their judgment the time has come for doing so. That we refer No. IV. (*re Theological Colleges*) to the two Synods for consideration.' The suggestions above referred to are as follows:

- I. That each of the Churches shall encourage the transference of its

members to the other Church, when said members shall remove from England to Wales or from Wales to England, or shall settle in any place where congregations of the Church to which such members belonged are not found. That it be considered, with a view to this, whether it might not be possible to give information in the annual publications of each of the Churches, in reference to the ministers, congregations, colleges, missions, &c., of the other. Also that with a view of making the two Churches better known to one another, pulpit exchanges between their ministers be encouraged as occasion offers; and that the efforts of the brethren in Wales to maintain summer services on their coast should be heartily seconded by the brethren in England.

II. That a certain (small) number of corresponding members be appointed by the Supreme Court of each Church to attend the meetings of the other, with right to deliberate, but not to vote.

III. That the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church be embraced in the Federal Council which at present includes the Presbyterian Church of England and the United Presbyterian Church.

IV. That attention be given to cases of students of the one Church who may desire to study for one or more sessions in the Theological Seminary or Seminaries of the other Church, with a view to determining whether and how far such attendance may be held equivalent to attendance in a seminary of their own Church, &c. [This question was remitted meantime to the College Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England.] It is understood that already students of the Welsh Church would be welcome to attend the Theological Hall of the English Church on the same terms as her own students.

In reference to the fourth suggestion, the following extract from the Minutes of the College Committee of our Church, bearing date, March 23, 1887, will show the position of two negotiating Churches:— ‘Mr. Ballantyne submitted correspondence with the Colleges of Bala and Trevecca on the subject of the suggested interchange of sessions on the part of students of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, and of this Church at the Colleges of the sister Churches. In harmony with the judgment of their Welsh brethren, as contained in the correspondence now read, the Committee find that, in view of the different character of the training at their respective Colleges and of other relative circumstances, the time does not seem to have yet arrived when it would be of advantage to either of the Churches to entertain a proposal in itself in many ways so desirable.’

It will thus be seen that nothing could be more satisfactory than the attitude of the sister-Church; and probably the difficulty in reference to the Federal Council will be removed before its next meeting takes place. In the meantime, doubtless, brethren in our Church will feel it a privilege to act in the spirit of the ‘suggestions’ above referred to, in their relations with both Ministers and members of a Church with which we are connected by so many close and endearing ties.

The ‘Diary of the Calvinistic Methodists’ for this year contains a full notice of the Presbyterian Church of England—its charges, its college, &c.—for the information of its own members, furnishing a very useful link between the two Churches. Appended to this Report will be found a brief and interesting statement in reference to the origin and present position of the Welsh Calvinistic Church, from the pen of one

of its esteemed Ministers. Such information should be widely circulated among the members of our own Church.

The Council of the Federated Churches met in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on November 30. It was well attended, and interesting discussions took place. *See* Report of the Delegates. It was recommended that the next meeting of the Federal Council should take place in Edinburgh in October, 1889.

The fourth General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system is to be held in London in the summer of 1888. This is the first occasion on which the Council representing the Presbyterianism of the world has been summoned to assemble within the territory of our own Church. It promises to be an assembly of profound interest, and will, doubtless, have beneficent and widely extended influence. Every effort will be made to give the brethren from all lands who shall assemble in the metropolis of the world as warm a welcome and as hospitable a reception as were given in 1884, when the Council met in Belfast. To rival the fulness and fitness of the arrangements then made will not be easy, and to exceed the warm-hearted generosity of the hospitality shown in the Green Isle will not be possible. The question of the appointment of delegates will engage the attention of the Synod.

As regards finance, the total income of the General Fund of this Committee is greater by £54 in 1886 than in 1885. The Committee record with special satisfaction an increase of ten in the number of contributing Congregations. Ninety-nine Congregations have furnished aid to this Committee. It is earnestly hoped that this year a much larger number will help in the good work to which the whole of our Church stands committed. The door of entrance on the Continent of Europe is wide open, and the call is louder than ever: 'Come over and help us.'

The following grants have been made by the Committee from the funds placed at their disposal:—

	£	s.	d.
BELGIUM: Christian Missionary Church of Belgium .	60	0	0
FRANCE: Evangelical Society of France	30	0	0
Evangelical Society of Geneva	25	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Union of the Free Churches	25	0	0
Mr. McAll's Mission	10	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists in Brittany	10	0	0
ITALY: The Free Church of Italy	25	0	0
Waldensian Church Mission	50	0	0
SPAIN: Spanish Evangelisation Society	40	0	0
PORTUGAL: Lisbon Mission (under Rev. A. D. Paterson)	15	0	0
BOHEMIA: Bohemian and Moravian Evangelisation .	30	0	0
	£320	0	0

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

R. H. LUNDIE. *Convener.*

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church'—Continental Missions Fund, p. 577.]

APPENDIX.

THE WELSH CALVINISTIC METHODIST CHURCH.

This Church dates its origin from the time of the great Methodist revival of last century, the prime movers of which were Whitfield and Wesley in England and Harris and Rowlands in Wales.

In the Principality the movement was from the first independent of all that was going on elsewhere; and even the two Revivalists themselves initiated the great work in their respective neighbourhoods, and carried it on for some time, in ignorance of each other.

The new fraternity in Wales began to incorporate as a distinct Church about the year 1743; but they hardly had anything that deserved to be called a settled form of Church government for nearly half a century longer; nor was it until the year 1811 that, after long and anxious deliberation, they for the first time took the important step of conferring ordination, on their own authority, upon men who had not already received it from episcopal hands.

The Church polity which the Calvinistic Methodists at last adopted, or rather grew into, was that of Presbyterianism, although undoubtedly with a somewhat pronounced admixture of the Congregational element, as compared with Presbyterian Churches elsewhere. In doctrine and teaching they are thoroughly Calvinistic and evangelical.

The following figures are taken from the Statistics for the year 1885:

Number of Ministers	619
„ Unordained Preachers	370
„ Churches	1,224
„ Elders	4,505
„ Communicants	129,401
„ Adherents	278,039

Collections for all purposes, £172,012.

There are at present 24 Presbyteries, 2 Synods, and a General Assembly. About 170 English Congregations have been established. These are widely spread in important towns and watering places.

In the category of Church schemes are included: a Foreign Missionary Society, Synodical Home Missions, and Ministers' Funds, a North Wales Auxiliary Fund, an English Causes Fund, and two Theological Colleges, one for North Wales at Bala, and one for South Wales at Trevecca.

The Principal of the former institution is the venerable and Rev. Lewis Edwards, D.D., and of the latter the Rev. William Howells.

A Committee has been in existence for some years for the express purpose of cultivating fraternal relations with the Presbyterian Church of England.

VII.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE session was opened on October 12, 1886, with an address by the Rev. Principal Chalmers, on 'Comparative Religion and its Relation to Christian Evidence.'

The number who entered as regular students, sixteen in all, is smaller than for some years past. Following immediately as it does on the largest attendance which the College has known, this may reasonably be regarded as one of the fluctuations which occur in all educational institutions, and there is ground for the expectation that there will next year be a large number of candidates for entrance.

The admissions for the first year were four in number :—

Mr. W. J. Gillespie, B.A.
Mr. Thomas Milner.

Mr. G. Pascal, B.A.
Mr. G. Paulin, M.A.

The Newcastle Scholarship of £25 was awarded to Mr. Gillespie, who passed with honours in the competitive examination. One candidate failed to pass. Your Committee regret to have to report that Mr. Milner had to discontinue his studies—for the present at least—on account of ill health. Mr. Pascal's connection with the College was severed in the month of February.

Five students were admitted after examination to the classes of the second year, viz. :—

Mr. J. M. Blake.
Mr. E. H. E. Franks, B.A.
Mr. W. Gilchrist.

Mr. W. J. Gomersall.
Mr. H. Neill, M.A.

Mr. Franks passed with honours, thus qualifying for a Muter Scholarship, which, however, as being a Hewley bursar, he could not hold. The 'Monro' of £25 was continued to Mr. Gomersall.

To the third year classes seven were admitted, viz. :—

Mr. W. G. Jordan, B.A.
Mr. D. M. Connan, M.A.
Mr. C. C. Brown.
Mr. E. J. Gilchrist, M.A.

Mr. W. Lindsay.
Mr. James Logan.
Mr. John Paterson.

The first four passed with honours. A vacant Muter Scholarship of £30 was awarded to Mr. Jordan.

Mr. James W. Pearson, an intending student of Divinity, has been

residing during the session in the house, and prosecuting his preparatory studies.

Undergraduate Scholarships have been awarded as follows:—

‘Robertson,’ £30 for 3 or 4 years to Mr. Ed. Gunner.
 ‘Duncan,’ £25 ,, ,, ,, Mr. Henry Crombie.
 ‘MacKerrow,’ £20 for 3 ,, Mr. W. Finlay.

A fourth candidate, Mr. J. A. Drysdale, had an equal number of marks in the examination with Mr. Finlay, but was not eligible for the scholarship as not proposing to study at Owens College.

Of the thirteen gentlemen who completed their course in 1886, all have been licensed as preachers of the Gospel. Mr. Boyd has since been settled at Oldham, Mr. Lyall at Longsight, Mr. Matheson at St. Kilda's, Jarrow; Mr. Murray at Crook, Mr. J. R. Patterson at East Dulwich, and Mr. J. A. Watt at Ellison Street, Gateshead. Two have been continuing their studies, and several are engaged meanwhile in useful Mission work. Messrs. Davey and Irvine, as is well known, have been rendering important service to the Church and to the cause of Christ as Evangelists.

The class of elocution has been resumed this session under the conduct of Mr. Charles Hartley. Your Committee have much pleasure in acknowledging their indebtedness to Mr. J. M. Douglas, of Upper Norwood, who generously undertook to provide the necessary funds for this important object.

The Resident Professor reports of the session just closed:—

I have to report favourably of the condition of the household during the past session. The general conduct of the students has been excellent. There has been harmony and diligence. The attention of the Senatus was called to one case which required special attention. Unfortunately we have had sickness among us. One student met with a severe accident which at the time caused much anxiety, but I am glad to say he has completely recovered. Dr. Brunton, who has for many years given us his professional services free of charge, was unremitting in his attention to the invalids, and we owe him gratitude for his kindness.

The two societies—the Missionary Society and the Theological Society—have flourished well during the session. The students delivered papers, and we were favoured with addresses from friends outside the College. Dr. Dykes opened the Theological Society with an address on ‘Ministerial Work.’ Some students carried on the study of German under the superintendence of Mr. Smieton as formerly. On the whole I can say that much good work has been done during the past session.

Barbour Bequest.—Your Committee would suggest the adoption by the Synod of the following scheme for the application of the income of the Barbour Legacy. In their judgment it would well carry out the design of the testator.

1. The income of the Barbour Legacy shall constitute a Fund, out of which from year to year Residential Exhibitions shall be granted to suitable regular students of our Church at the discretion of a Board consisting of the members of Senatus, the Convener and Secretary of the College Committee, and the Convener and Secretary of the Board of Examination

2. Any surplus not required for this purpose shall be carried forward to next year: and whenever the funds thus accruing shall permit of it, the Board shall be authorised to place at the disposal of the Board of Examination a Barbour Travelling Scholarship of the value of £50 for one year, to be awarded to the student taking the highest place in the Exit Examination; the said Scholarship to alternate with the two other Travelling Scholarships (the Gillespie and Crichton).

3. The Scheme shall be continued as an experiment for a period of five years.

Board of Examination.—Following the order of rotation, the Rev. H. C. Wilson, M.A., ought at this time to retire from the number of examiners. The Board, however, in view of the number of recent changes in the examining body, and of the special experience possessed by Mr. Wilson, respectfully ask that, if the Synod should see its way to depart from the rule, he be reappointed.

Library.—Your Committee were glad to be able to comply with a desire expressed by the students, with approval of the Professors, to have a small library of important standard books of reference to which they could always have access. This reference library, occupying some of the cases in the Robertson room, has been in use since the commencement of the session. Care was taken to safeguard it against abuse by means of suitable regulations, and thus far the plan has worked well. The purchases made during the year have been chiefly with a view to render this part of the library more complete. Among the gifts which have been received may be named the lives of Dr. Wilson of Bombay and Dr. Carey of Serampore, presented by the author, Dr. George Smith; several recent and valuable works on the ‘Sabbath,’ presented by J. T. Morton, Esq.; and a set of the Minutes of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, by Dr. Roberts of Princeton. Your Committee hope shortly to present to the Library of the Princeton Seminary a complete set of the Minutes of our own Church.

Finance.—Your Committee, having carefully considered the situation of the College in respect to finance, report as follows:—

1. The College Account was overdrawn at the end of 1886 to the amount of £772 1s. 9d. This is the result of a deficit in the revenue, which has been steadily growing for several years.

2. There is no reasonable probability of any immediate increase in the amount of the College Collection. Last year, in spite of very urgent appeals based on the serious position of the accounts, the collection was still lower than in 1885, having fallen from £808 to £774, although twenty Congregations contributed beyond the number contributing in the preceding twelve months.

3. The lack of interest in the College indicated by these figures appears to exist mainly in the two strong Presbyteries of London and Liverpool, because the falling off in their contributions since 1882 would alone account for the entire decline in the annual collection. Your Committee would therefore recommend that these Presbyteries be requested to take the subject into early and serious consideration.

4. Your Committee have been forced with the greatest possible reluctance to the conclusion that the high salaries voted to the teaching staff by the Synod of 1880 are for the present in excess of what the College can bear; and since they see no other way in which expenditure can be reduced, they recommend that for the present the two highest salaries be each of them reduced by the Synod by the amount of £100 per annum. Before making this suggestion, they have ascertained by private inquiry that the professors affected by this proposal both recognise the absolute necessity for it, and are prepared generously to acquiesce in the reduction suggested.

5. Your Committee are further of opinion that the time has come when the College, owing to its diminished resources, should no longer continue to provide tuition and lodging at a merely nominal cost to the students of the Church. At present the total amount paid by students for all charges is—in residence, £5; out of residence, £2 12s. 6d. They suggest that in future the charges should be:

- (1) A fee for tuition and library from all students of £5 5s. per session.
- (2) An additional charge for residence from students living in the house of £7 10s. per session.

Feeling, however, that such an increased demand upon our students is likely to press hard on some of them, and to discourage entrants who are already too few, your Committee would hesitate to recommend this step, were it not that the recent handsome legacy of the late Mr. Robert Barbour, bequeathed for the express purpose of aiding students for the ministry in their studies, may be so applied as to relieve future students from any disadvantage that would otherwise arise.

6. Your Committee do not believe the time to be a favourable one for any general appeal to the Church for further endowment or for exceptional support in any shape. But they cherish a hope at the same time that there are to be found within our Congregations a certain number of warm, intelligent, and capable friends of the Institution, who might be expected to rally to its support at the present emergency. They view with favour, therefore, a proposal which was laid before them to start at the approaching Synod a voluntary association of such friends of the College, for the purpose of advancing its interests and keeping its claims before the Church by other methods than those which are open to an official body like a Committee of Synod. From such a movement they think some good might arise, but it lies outside the scope of their powers to recommend it.

Conference.—Your Committee would further respectfully suggest to the Synod the expediency on one of the days of its approaching session of appointing an hour for private conference on matters relating to the College.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

VIII.
REPORT OF THE COLLEGE TRUSTEES,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE Trustees have to report progress in the completion of Trust Deeds of the Undergraduate and Theological Scholarships connected with the College arising out of invested funds; and also in the steps taken to place these invested funds, as far as possible, in the names of some of their own number, to be held, on behalf of the College Trustees, for the purposes for which they have been given.

It is understood that a Scheme in accordance with the terms of the Barbour Bequest will soon be framed by the College and submitted to the Synod. When that is done the Trustees will apply the money from year to year to the important purposes for which it was given.

The investments are as under:—

Standing in the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES GRAHAM SCOTT,
WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,

£4,000 London and North-Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£3,600 Great Western Railway 5 per Cent. Consolidated Preference Stock.

£1,965 Great Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
HUGH MACKAY MATHESON,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£1,200 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway $4\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Great Northern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£5,000 Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Railway and Dock Company $4\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. Debenture Bonds.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
ROBERT WALES,
ROBERT MORTON,

£1,000 Caledonian Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£1,000 South-Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Midland Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£2,060 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Great Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£1,000 London and North-Western Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

In the names of

GEORGE DUNCAN,
R. T. TURNBULL,
R. MORTON,
J. A. SWANSTON,

£1,426 15s. 9d. New South Wales Government 4 per Cent. Inscribed Stock.

£1,475 19s. 9d. Queensland Government 4 per Cent. Inscribed Stock.

£1,442 4s. 9d. Victoria Government 4 per Cent. Inscribed Stock.

In the names of

GEORGE DUNCAN,
R. T. TURNBULL,
ROBERT MORTON,
J. A. SWANSTON,
JOHN JOHNSTONE,

£1,452 14s. 6d. South Australian Government 4 per Cent. Stock.
Freehold of 227 Strand.

Submitted, on behalf of the Trustees, by

JOHN JOHNSTONE,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement see under 'Accounts of the Church' at p. 579.]

* Five-sixths of these amounts are the proceeds of Legacy from George Barbour, Esq., still in suspense.

IX.

REPORT OF THE SENATUS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE following Report was submitted of the College work carried on during the Session of 1886-87.

Rev. Principal Chalmers, D.D.

DIVINITY.

Apologetics.—In this class, confined to the students of the first year, the subjects of study have been Natural Theology and Christian Evidence.

Under the former head, the Theistic argument has been expounded and vindicated, and the various anti-Theistic theories discussed and refuted.

Under the latter, a careful survey has been made of the proofs—internal, external, and collateral—of the Divine Origin of Christianity and the Authority of Holy Scripture.

Dogmatics.—With the students of the second and third years, the subjects of study have been the Doctrine of God—His Attributes; The Divine Decrees; Creation; Providence; The Doctrine of Man—his origin, with the questions of the Antiquity and Unity of the race, and the condition in which he was created; The Doctrine of Sin—its nature, its entrance into the world in the fall of man; its guilt and punishment; the universal depravity of the race; its extent, and its connection with the first transgression. I entered also before the Session closed on the Doctrine of Salvation, and I had advanced as far as the evidence for the Supreme Divinity of the Saviour.

In both classes, there were monthly examinations by means of written papers.

The conduct and diligence of the students was in general satisfactory; in several cases very much so.

Rev. Professor Graham, D.D.

CHURCH HISTORY AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY.

I have lectured in the Junior Class through the first three centuries of Church History. I have followed up the lectures with frequent questions and monthly written examinations.

In the Senior Class I have, in accordance with the recommendation of the last Synod, given the whole Session to Pastoral Theology, in a course of lectures, and training of the students by the composition of sketches of sermons and lectures.

In both classes I have in general been pleased and helped by the attention and diligence of the students.

Rev. Professor Gibb, D.D.

NEW TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

During first Session I read with the Senior Class the Epistle to the Romans, and gave exegetical lectures on the Epistle. During the first half of the Session I lectured on the writings of St. John, and during the latter half I gave a special course on the ethical teaching of the Apostle Paul.

With the Junior Class I read selected portions from the Synoptic Gospels, and gave exegetical lectures on the passages read. I also delivered a course of lectures on textual criticism of New Testament, and a second course on the times of the New Testament.

In both classes the diligence and attention of the students were tested by means of written examinations. Every student wrote an exegetical paper on a prescribed portion of the Greek New Testament. I had reason to be satisfied with the results of the examinations.

Rev. Professor Elmslie, M.A.

HEBREW AND OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

The Junior Class has made a careful study of the Grammar, and has read the first half of Genesis, the middle chapters of I. Samuel, and some of the simpler Psalms. Historical and exegetical lectures have been delivered, and written examinations held monthly.

The Senior Class have read portions of Leviticus, I. Samuel, the Books of Amos and Joel, and a selection of Psalms, with complete exegesis and criticism. The chief topics in Old Testament Theology and Apologetics have been discussed in lectures. The work of the class has been revised and tested by periodical written examinations.

The whole of the students have attended during the Session classes for Elocution conducted by Charles Hartley, Esq., who reports favourably of the progress they have made.

Submitted, on behalf of the Senatus, by

WILLIAM CHALMERS,

Principal.

X.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION
OF PROBATIONERS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE following lists will show the condition of the Probationers' Roll at the present moment, and the Changes that have taken place during the year.

I. *Names of those received on Roll A. during the year:—*

Rev. W. Douglas Reid, M.A.	Rev. W. Craigie.
„ R. H. Lyall, M.A.	„ Charles Davey, B.A.
„ A. Matheson, M.A.	„ Thomas O. Scott, M.A.
„ T. W. Macpherson, M.A.	„ Thomas Boyd, M.A.
„ J. Anderson Watt.	„ J. R. Paterson.
„ W. Thorp, M.A.	„ D. M. McIntyre.
„ R. M. Irvine, B.A.	„ W. Thomson.
„ W. Murray, M.A.	„ W. J. B. Roome, F.R.A.S.
„ W. Watt.	„ Andrew L. Laird, M.A.

II. *Names of those removed during the year:—*

Rev. J. Anderson Watt, settled at	Gateshead (Ellison Street).
„ D. M. McIntyre,	„ London (College Park).
„ A. Stirling,	„ York.
„ Thomas Boyd, M.A.,	„ Oldham.
„ A. Matheson, M.A.,	„ Jarrow (St. Kilda's).
„ R. H. Lyall, M.A.,	„ Manchester (Longsight).
„ W. Murray,	„ Crook.
„ J. R. Patterson,	„ London (East Dulwich).
„ Evan Bissett, received appointment in	Free Church of Scotland.

III. *Names of Probationers now on Roll A. for Supply of Vacancies:—*

Rev. T. F. Darroch.	Rev. T. W. Macpherson, M.A.
„ P. A. Milne.	„ W. Thorp, M.A.
„ J. A. G. Stirling.	„ R. M. Irvine, B.A.
„ E. Ross, M.A.	„ W. Watt.
„ G. Samuel, M.A.	„ W. Craigie.
„ G. M. Storrar, B.A.	„ C. Davey, B.A.
„ D. McCallum.	„ Thomas O. Scott, M.A.
„ G. Drysdale.	„ W. Thomson.
„ John Hardie, B.D.	„ W. J. B. Roome, F.R.A.S.
„ W. McCraith.	„ Andrew L. Laird, M.A.
„ W. Douglass Reid, M.A.	

IV. *List of present Vacancies :—*

Sutton.	Canterbury.	Aldershot.
Wimbledon.	Torquay.	Woolston, Southamp-
Darenth.	Durham.	ton.
Dudley.	Bishop Auckland.	Haltwhistle.
Wolverhampton.	Gosforth.	Swalwell.
Holybourne.	St. Andrew's, South-	John St., Maryport.
Broad Street, Bir-	ampton.	Workington.
mingham.		

V. *List of Preaching Stations :—*

1. RURAL.

Alderney.	Tunley.	Great Salkeld and
Penruddock.	Highfields, Withyam.	Plumpton.
		Holy Island.

2. CHURCH EXTENSION.

Cambridge.	Vernlam, London.
Brondesbury, London.	Highgate.

The work of arranging supply of vacancies has been managed as hitherto entirely by the General Secretary, with careful consideration of the interests of congregations and probationers, and with such eminent success that no complaints of any kind have reached the Committee.

It is worth noting that the men available for service have had, on an average, employment on thirty-five Sabbaths. Vacant Congregations are more and more availing themselves of the services of our probationers, and drawing their future ministers from the men our list supplies, and who have been nearly all trained in our own college.

We have only again to renew our appeal that congregations needing supply give an opportunity to those who have devoted their lives to the service of our Church.

In the name of the Committee,

JAMES MUIR,
Convener.

XI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH.

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE various departments of the work of this Committee touch the whole Church. The boys and girls in our schools, the children and the youths and maidens in our homes are their charge. They do what they can to guide and encourage parents and teachers. They seek to stimulate the young people themselves to a zealous interest in their own mental and spiritual training. They assist day schools in connection with 10 Congregations. Their Higher Instruction Candidates this year have come from 84 Congregations. In November they awarded prizes to more than 180 Shorter Catechism Candidates belonging to 56 Congregations. Their Bible Band has above 600 enrolled members scattered over the Church, and candidates in the Bible Band Examinations (200 in number) were from a goodly number of Congregations. Their model code of rules for Sabbath Schools is now in use in many schools in different parts of the country. The Sabbath School section of their last Report to the Synod was sent to each teacher of each of our Sabbath Schools. The Children's Sunday, appointed at their instance last year, was very generally observed, and is known to have everywhere quickened the hearts of young and old. The Committee are trying, they hope with success, to be useful to all our teachers and to all our young people, and they have reached and directly aided in more ways than one the great majority of our Congregations. They urge their own claims for sympathy and encouragement with confidence on the hearts of our people. They are thankfully aware that their work is regarded with increasing interest and appreciation. May they not entreat an enlarged measure of that practical sympathy which will keep them supplied with the very modest income with which they would be able to carry on all their operations with comfort? Last year they asked for £500 and for a contribution towards that sum from each Congregation. 120 Congregations have contributed, as against 101 in the previous year; and the sum so raised was £286, as against £277 in 1885. The ordinary income of the Committee ought to meet their whole outlay. But in the straitened condition of the exchequer it has been necessary to make special appeals for the Shorter Catechism prizes and for the Higher Instruction Essay prizes. The necessity is irksome and perhaps irritating. A larger and wider response to the needs of this growing work would relieve the Committee of this and of other difficulties.

The annual collection has hitherto been taken on the third Sunday of September, and it was natural to associate the new institution of a Children's Sunday with the collection for the Committee's work by fixing the same day for both. But a Sunday in September is not the most suitable time for either purpose. In many places the holiday season is not ended till October has begun. And as there is already another Children's Day observed in a large number of our schools, the Sunday School Union Anniversary, held on the third Sunday in October, it is believed that it will be most convenient, if the Synod will appoint the third Sunday in October, both for the Instruction of Youth Collection and for the Children's Day. In this request the Committee have the concurrence of the General Purposes Committee.

Two of the Vice-Conveners, the Rev. S. R. Macphail and the Rev. Thomas White, having retired, the Committee appointed the Rev. P. Carmichael, B.D., the Junior Minister of Highbury Church, London, to be Vice-Convener of the Higher Instruction Scheme, and the Rev. J. Reid, jun., M.A., now minister of St. Columba Church, Leeds, to be Vice-Convener for the Synod's Day Schools. These gentlemen, along with Messrs. Carruthers and Robb, Vice-Conveners for the Bible Band and for Sabbath Schools respectively, have given much help to the Committee during the past year.

The Committee have now to report specially on these four main branches of their work.

I. *The Bible Band*.—The list of passages chosen for Bible Readings is printed monthly in the *Children's Messenger*, with a running commentary on the month's readings by the Rev. George Wilson, M.A. The examinations have again been conducted by the Rev. Alexander Jeffrey, to whom the Committee are greatly indebted for the admirable manner in which he carries out this work. The questions are given in each number, the answers are sent to and valued by Mr. Jeffrey, and the results are published in the succeeding number. The progress made by the children has been, as Mr. Jeffrey reports, extremely gratifying, specially in connection with the competitors from the Church at Cardiff (Rev. J. D. Watters, M.A.) and from the Children's Service of Mr. Stark, Park Church, Highbury. The number of competitors was 205, nearly double that of the previous year. Of the competitors in the senior division (from 11 to 14 years of age), not fewer than 33 gained more than 75 per cent. of the marks possible, and the first ten of them were awarded book prizes by the Committee. Of the competitors in the junior division (from 8 to 11 years of age), 16 attained more than 75 per cent. of the highest possible number of marks, and the best ten of those received book prizes. There were 669 enrolled members for 1886, each of whom received a card of membership, on which was printed a list of the readings for the whole year.

The Gospel of St. Matthew and the eleven Epistles from Galatians to Hebrews have been selected for the readings of the current year, and texts from the Minor Prophets chosen by Dr. J. Monro Gibson have been appointed for committal to memory. The Rev. George Wilson continues his important assistance in carrying out the work of the Band by preparing the comments published monthly in the *Children's*

Messenger. The Rev. A. Jeffrey is good enough also to continue to assist in the same way as before. The enrolled members of the Band now number 631 ; but besides these there are, no doubt, many of the readers of the *Children's Messenger* who use the monthly lists of the Bible Readings published in the *Messenger*, and are really members though not enrolled.

II. *Sunday Schools*.—The Sunday Schools (Congregational and Mission) return the following numbers of teachers, scholars, communicants, &c.

The only school not included in the above returns is the Congregational School at Woolston, which had last year 16 teachers, and 207 scholars on the roll. If these figures are taken again for this school, the total number of teachers in the service of the Church is 7,191 (3,421 male and 3,770 female), of whom 5,657 (79 per cent.) are communicants ; while there are in all 75,395 scholars, of whom fully 16,000 are in infant classes and 6,189 in senior classes. These numbers slightly exceed the numbers reported last year. There are, in addition, 7,565 in Bible classes not connected with the Sunday Schools, taught by about 220 teachers (chiefly ministers).

The Committee reported to last Synod that it was their intention to institute a 'Certificate of Competency' for the work of a Sunday School teacher, as soon as they should obtain a good text-book on which they might base a special examination on the Art of Teaching. They desire, as they said then, to offer 'a badge of honour, which beginners in the work might be urged to seek.' Existing teachers will not be excluded if they care to qualify themselves. Nor is it intended, on the other hand, to make this certificate a condition of admission to the Sunday School teaching staff. But the Committee hope to do something to create in the minds of young men and women looking forward to take their places in the ranks of teachers a high sense of the dignity of this office, and of the importance of a thorough equipment in knowledge and skill as well as in love. They think that this proposal carries on their Higher Instruction scheme to one important end it has in view, the training and calling of Christian workers. And they believe that it will be an incentive to a loftier idea of a teacher's position, and to greater zeal in preparation for it. The conditions under which the Teacher's Certificate will be granted are as follows :—

1. The Teacher's Certificate will be awarded to those not yet teachers when they have passed satisfactorily examinations in three subjects, two of them ordinary Higher Instruction subjects, one of which must be Biblical, and the third subject the Art of Teaching ; this examination being founded on Dr. Thomas Morrison's 'Sabbath School Teachers' Handbook' (prepared at the request of the Committee and just published by the Sunday School Union), or such other text-book as may at any time be prescribed.

2. The rules for a pass in the special subject (the Art of Teaching) will be the same as those for a Higher Instruction pass—that is to say, from 33 to 49 per cent. of the maximum marks will secure a Higher Instruction Certificate ; from 50 to 74 per cent. will secure a Certificate

‘with credit ;’ from 75 to 89 per cent. will secure a Certificate ‘with distinction ;’ and 90 per cent. or upwards will secure a medal.

3. To teachers at present in the service of the Church in any of our schools, or who shall have been employed in a Sunday School in connection with any sister Church, the Teacher’s Certificate will be granted if they pass satisfactorily the examination on the Art of Teaching.

4. The examination on the Art of Teaching will be held annually at the same time as the ordinary Higher Instruction examinations.

5. The Teacher’s Certificate will have ruled spaces on the back, in which there may be written by the superintendent of a school or the minister of the Church a note of the number of years during which the teacher has been on the staff in each school to which he has belonged.

The Committee ask the co-operation of ministers and sessions in this effort to foster and encourage enthusiasm in the blessed duty of bringing young spirits to know and love the Lord. They earnestly recommend that, wherever it is found practicable, Teachers’ Training Classes be instituted, the special purpose of which shall be to prepare Students for the Examination on the Art of Teaching.

A large number of our Churches, it is understood, observed the Children’s Day, appointed for the first time by last Synod, although very few ministers complied with the request of the Committee for brief accounts of the services and of the amount of interest manifested in the ‘Day.’ It might be possible to obtain a much larger amount of information on these points through the Annual Statistical Schedule, if it could contain one or two additional columns. In some way it is very desirable that successful methods of utilising such an annual institution (if it please the Synod to make it so) become widely known; and that, as far as these are visible, the Church may be made aware of the good results of devoting a whole Lord’s Day to the young. Brief notes may be given of the nature of the services in those cases about which reports have come to hand :—

Felton : Morning, sermon to children; evening, sermon to young men. *Mount Pleasant* : Morning and evening, sermons relating to Sunday Schools, and the training of the young; afternoon, sermon to the children. All the hymns from ‘Church Praise.’ Services ‘very successful.’ *Clapham Road* : Morning, the usual address to the young, and a sermon on ‘Lessons from Child Life, and the Claims of Children on the care of the Church ;’ afternoon, an address by the Minister to the school; evening, a sermon to the young on ‘True Wisdom.’ *West Church, Wooler* : The single diet of worship wholly devoted to the children, addresses being given by the Minister on ‘The Heart, the Home, and the Heathen.’ Day much enjoyed by all, the interest being greatly increased by the thought that it was being observed as a children’s day throughout the Church. *Worcester* : Forenoon, sermon on ‘A Church’s Responsibility with Reference to her Young ;’ afternoon, addresses to the children by the Minister on ‘The Sunday School ;’ evening, sermon to young men and women on ‘The Claims of Christ upon Youth.’ *Bankhill, Berwick* : Morning sermon on John xi. 15; afternoon, sermon to the young on ‘Daniel and his Three Companions.’ *Ipswich* : A ‘high day’ with the young people. Morning, sermon to the children on ‘The Little Hebrew Maid’ (2 Kings v. 1-4); afternoon, address by the Minister in the Sunday School on ‘Immediate Decision for Christ,’ after which there was a collection for Instruction of Youth Committee, and then a prayer meeting,

to which the children waited; evening, sermon to parents and teachers on 'The Religious Training of the Young' (Matt. xviii. 14). The whole services felt to be refreshing and stimulating. *Erskine, Newcastle*: Successful day: morning (9.30), meeting in schoolroom, address on 'Christian Character,' service in Church (10.45), sermon to children, 'The Call of Samuel;' afternoon, addresses to children in schoolroom (attendance 350) on 'Moral and Spiritual Progress,' 'Whosoever,' and 'Light.' Whole day full of interest. *Salé*: Morning, sermon to children; evening, sermon to parents and teachers. 'The idea of a children's day is of great value to the Church.' *Streatham, London*: Morning, sermon to children; afternoon, addresses to scholars by elders, followed by teachers' prayer meeting; evening, sermon to parents and teachers. 'A most enjoyable day. Make it annual.' *Westbourne, London*: Morning, sermon on 'Training of the Young;' afternoon, children's service, addresses by friends. *Chatton, Berwick*: Morning, sermon to children; evening, sermon on 'The Young.' 'Day much appreciated by all.' *Crookham*: Special sermon on 2 Kings iv. 34-37. *Forest Hall, Newcastle*: Afternoon, special service, addresses to children (Eph. vi. 1, and Col. iii. 20) and to parents (Judges xiii. 12). 'Interesting service.' *New Barnet*: Morning, sermon to children on Heb. ii. 1, 'Drifting Away;' afternoon, children's harvest thanksgiving service, addresses by several friends; evening, sermon to parents on Luke i. 66. *Swansea*: Morning, service entirely for children; afternoon, a 'Service of Song;' evening, a sermon to workers. *Regent Square*: Morning, Children's Service, for children of Regent Square and Compton Place Schools, Caledonian Asylum, and Congregation; service interesting and appropriate. Evening, Dr. Dykes preached an impressive sermon to young men and maidens—'Will ye also go away?' 'Lord, to whom shall we go?' On the next Sunday the largest Sunday School, Aldenham Street, crowded area of Church (1,000 teachers and scholars). Dr. Dykes addressed the children, maintaining the interest unflagging through a long service.

The Shorter Catechism Examination continues to excite widespread interest, and it is hoped may lead to a more general use of the Catechism in schools and families. The very success of this scheme has been embarrassing. 560 Bibles have been awarded in the two years during which it has been in operation, at a cost of £111. A sum of £90 has been raised by special donations towards this expenditure. It is earnestly hoped that the balance may also be so met. The ordinary income of the Committee cannot bear any part of the cost of this scheme; and it would be unfortunate if it had to be announced that the offer of a Bible for repetition of the Catechism had been withdrawn.

A few notes on the last examination will be interesting, and may be of use to the young people who propose to compete for this prize in the course of the present year, as well as to their examiners:—

1. There were this year 189 successful candidates, as against 370 last year. Probably the number may be smaller still in future years. It was to be expected that in the first years of the scheme children who have long been having Catechism drill would come to the front in considerable numbers. These arrears must now have been gathered, and henceforth the prize will attract a yearly contingent of those who have newly learned to repeat the Catechism—perhaps about 100 year by year.

2. The numbers may seem small, spread over the whole of the Church. But it is to be remembered that in large districts the Catechism is scarcely

ever put into the hands of our children. The Presbytery of London only sends up nineteen successful candidates from nine congregations. Probably the Catechism is very little taught in other congregations in this Presbytery. The Presbyteries of Carlisle and Liverpool each furnish more than forty names to the prize list. The Presbytery of Bristol has (from two congregations) twenty successful candidates. The other Presbyteries have smaller numbers. It is a little curious that the three North-eastern Presbyteries should together send fewer names to this list than the single Presbytery of Carlisle; Berwick having six successful candidates, and Northumberland and Newcastle each sixteen (this year as last year, none from the city of Newcastle).

3. In all likelihood the chief explanation of the small numbers over the Church, and specially in districts where the Catechism is habitually taught (as is doubtless the case within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Berwick and Northumberland), is to be found in the high standard of accuracy demanded under this scheme. It will be admitted, without question, that the exercise of committing to memory a compendium of doctrine constructed with minute care and precision is of no real value, unless every syllable and almost every comma is correctly acquired. The Committee's rules of competition have been framed on this principle. The two rules bearing on this point, printed at the bottom of the certificate to be signed by an examiner (Minister or Sunday-school Superintendent), may be given here:—

‘(2) Insert the number of errors or omissions. More than *five mistakes of any kind* will constitute a failure. If, after such failure, a candidate wish to be examined again, at this new examination the whole of the Catechism must be repeated, and again on not more than three separate occasions.

‘(3) Insert in the margin a description of any mistakes made by the candidate. *Each word omitted or added, or misplaced, or substituted for the right word, must be reckoned a separate mistake.* The examiner must not tell the candidate when a mistake has been made, and invite correction. *He is simply to listen and report.*’

The greatest pains were taken to make sure that these stringent rules were faithfully observed. And the requirement that the mistakes (if any) which were made should be described on the margin of the certificate was found most helpful. Examiners, it appeared, had not in all cases equally severe views of what constitutes a mistake. Some returned the omission of a phrase of several words as one mistake, whereas it counts for as many mistakes as there are words. Some reckoned the bungling of a whole answer as one mistake, whereas it may amount to a score of blunders. Some had given candidates a second chance of repeating an answer incorrectly rendered, which the rules strictly forbid: ‘*The Examiner is simply to listen and report.*’ In such cases, of course, the certificate had to be refused or corrected; a number of candidates being ‘plucked’ who had been returned as successful, and a good many more having the mistakes entered against their names increased from 0 or 1 to 3 or 4 or 5. It is believed that, all corrections having been made on the returns of examiners, Bibles were awarded only to those whose examination was stringently conducted on the Committee's rules.

4. The list of successful candidates proved that the requirements of the examination are not really too severe. Out of 189 candidates, none of whom have made more than *five* mistakes, no fewer than sixty-eight had an asterisk prefixed to their names, signifying that they made absolutely no mistakes. Of many of these, and of many of the others also, the examiners wrote in warmest admiration, not only of the verbal accuracy, but of the thorough intelligence of the repetition.

5. A good many examiners were not aware of the fact that, as the Committee met this year in November, instead of December, the examination must, in all cases, be completed on or before October 31, a month earlier than last year. The change of date was mentioned in the Sunday School section of the Committee's report to last Synod, a copy of which was sent to each Sunday School teacher in the Church in early summer; and attention was called to it more than once in the *Presbyterian Messenger*. In these circumstances the Committee, while regretting that any of the young people should be disappointed, thought itself bound to adhere to the prescribed date. Seventeen names were thus shut out from this year's awards; the examination in these cases not having been finished until after the month of October. These names were published in a supplementary list, as the first of next year's prize-winners. As a candidate who fails may try again, it is desirable that the examination (which may be taken at any time and which must not spread over more than three months, nor be broken up into more than three divisions) should not be too long postponed, to afford time for a second trial, if necessary. In 1887, as in 1886, the examinations must be finished in October, and the certificate sent in *at once*, that at its meeting in November the Committee may make the year's awards. No child can take the prize more than once.

The New Year's Address, entitled 'A Child of Light,' to the children of the Church, was written by the Rev. George Wilson, of Canonbury, and is a very beautiful address; 5,000 copies were circulated. Dr. Symington has kindly consented to write the Address for next New Year, and Dr. Macleod that for the following year.

Interesting reports on Sunday School work have been received from the Presbyteries of Northumberland, Bristol, London, Newcastle, Manchester, Darlington, and Liverpool. Brief extracts from these reports will be useful.

Manchester : Sabbath School work conducted efficiently. A Conference has just been held on the whole question of the Sabbath School in its relation to the Congregation.

Bristol : A careful and full set of questions was addressed to each Congregation by this Presbytery's Committee on the Instruction of Youth, so as to gather in a complete account of all the work done amongst the young within the bounds. The result is an excellent report. 'Both schools and scholars have increased in the Presbytery. A new Mission School is reported from Cardiff. The scholars have gone up from 1,791 to 2,039, and we are now nearer the average of the Church as a whole, in comparison with its membership. The largest school is at Plymouth, with 540 scholars. Nearly all the schools are organised in three divisions, with separate class-rooms for the infants, and two Bible Classes. The improved organisation of the Bible Classes may account for the marked advance in the number of young people who have joined the Church. Last year there were only eight; this year there are about forty. The 'International Scheme of Lessons' is adopted in all the schools, and 'School Praise' is now adopted in all, with one exception. There are 365 *Messengers* distributed monthly, and £74 has been subscribed for Foreign Missions. This is one *Messenger* for every six pupils, and 8½*d.* per head per annum. Over the Church at large the contributions in 1885 were 6*d.* per pupil. The School at Swansea has contributed £20. Personal contact between the Minister and the young people is well maintained. Nearly all the Ministers visit, examine, and address the Sunday Schools, take part in the Young Men's Societies, and preach special sermons. Four preach every Sunday to the children, and the others occasion-

ally. Seven have Bible Classes with 183 members, three have conducted Catechumen Classes during the year, and six have Bible Bands. Special Mission Services for young people were held in two centres during the year. The Congregations too are brought into contact with the children on the *Children's Sunday* which was held in eight of the Churches.

Newcastle: The report of this Presbytery speaks in warmest terms of the regret felt at the death of the Rev. Thomas White, for many years Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on Religious Instruction of Youth, a regret shared in by the Synod's Committee, to whom Mr. White rendered loyal service for several years as Day Schools' Vice-Convener. This Presbytery held an examination of Sunday School scholars in November, on the lessons for the preceding four months. One hundred and ninety-seven children from seventeen schools presented themselves, a much larger number than last year. The results were fairly satisfactory. Three prizes were given in the Senior Division, the winner of the first prize obtaining 90 per cent. of the maximum marks. In the Middle Division, four prize-winners obtained respectively 95, 97, 99, and 100 per cent. of the maximum marks. In the Junior Division, also, the winners of prizes did excellently well. The Shorter Catechism is taught in thirty-three schools out of forty-two which have answered the queries of the Presbytery's Committee. The Synod Committee's Model Rules are in use in seventeen schools.

Northumberland: This Presbytery also collects statistics by means of a schedule issued by its Instruction of Youth Committee, to which nineteen out of twenty-four Congregations sent in answers. Both scholars and teachers have considerably increased: 1,912 scholars against 1,663, and 213 teachers against 194 last year. Twelve District Schools are reported (one of them at a large colliery, Ashington, with over 100 scholars), a very necessary branch of Church work in this Presbytery; and the Presbytery's Committee name a good many other places where, in their judgment, such Sunday Schools ought to be established.

London: The Committee of this Presbytery visited all the Sunday Schools in the Presbytery two years ago; and during the past winter they have visited one-third of the Sunday Schools again, and intend conducting a triennial visitation, one-third of the schools each year. A most interesting and successful Conference of Sunday School teachers was held at Highbury Church in November of last year, Dr. Dykes in the chair. The subjects discussed were, 'A teacher's training for his work, and his weekly preparation for his class.' A large number of teachers took part in the Conference. It is proposed to hold others on the same lines in other Churches in London.

Darlington: Fewer teachers are in the Sunday Schools of this Presbytery than a year ago; but 261 more scholars, chiefly through large additions to their rolls, made by the Schools at Grimsby and Prospect Street, Hull. Ministers' Bible Classes are also increasing in size. The whole of the Prospect Street band of teachers (79) are Communicants. The Presbytery has visited all the Schools during the year.

Liverpool: The Report from this Presbytery consists mainly of extracts from reports of Presbyterial visitation of the schools. The Visitors were guided by a careful and useful set of printed 'Hints' as to points to be noticed and inquired into. The Higher Instruction and Shorter Catechism Examinations are looked to in a large number of the Schools reported upon. Much vigorous work is being carried on. A few special points only can be noted here. Rockferry Mission School: Visitor cannot 'find words to convey his satisfaction with this school, with its largely attended classes not only for young people but for adults also.' Victoria Street Mission School (St. Andrew's), Birkenhead: 'The girls have a Nurses' Class, to train them in sick-room work.' Beckwith Street Mission School (Grange-road): 'The

Superintendent contemplates giving the young men military drill.' Canning Street: 'The Congregational School has large Senior Boys' and Young Women's Classes. A Class on Friday evening for the special training of Youths who desire to be "workers."' Waterloo: 'An interesting class of female servants.'

III. *Higher Instruction*.—A supplementary report will be presented to the Synod, containing the results of the recent examination (Appendix B). The number of candidates this year is nearly as great as last year (957 as against 981), while last year's number was much the largest since these examinations were instituted.

The number of Congregations sending up candidates also shows a slight diminution, 84 instead of 90. The Presbyteries of Berwick, Manchester, and Northumberland send up a considerably less number of candidates, 112 in all, as against 195; and from 13 congregations, as against 20 last year. Carlisle, Liverpool, and London have about the same numbers as last year; while Birmingham, Bristol, and Newcastle show a slight advance, 251 candidates as against 222 last year. Besides the candidates entered under the various Presbyteries, there are candidates from Mr. Grattan Guinness's two missionary colleges: Hulme Cliff College, Curbar; and Harley House, London. These are admitted to the examinations under a special rule, providing that students not connected with our Church may, if the Committee think fit, be allowed to sit at the Higher Instruction Examinations, on payment of a small fee, to cover expenses. Such students are to be entered separately, and not under any Presbytery.

The following are the numbers of candidates in each of the four subjects of examinations:—

Presbyteries	No. of Congregations sending Competitors	Com- petitors	Number to be examined on							
			Sayce's Monuments		Lindsay's Luke		The Catechism		History of Missions	
			Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior
Berwick . .	2	7	—	—	1	5	—	1	—	—
Birmingham .	6	38	7	2	17	5	5	1	—	1
Bristol . . .	5	73	—	—	32	28	10	—	1	2
Carlisle . . .	4	29	—	—	21	4	4	—	—	—
Darlington . .	5	41	7	3	19	5	4	3	—	—
Liverpool . .	10	112	10	4	61	24	9	—	3	1
London . . .	29	263	35	26	105	54	14	10	8	11
Manchester . .	4	62	1	1	36	8	11	5	—	—
Newcastle . .	12	140	—	—	77	19	28	3	6	7
Northumber- land . . .	7	43	3	1	16	5	4	4	9	1
Total . . .	84	808	63	37	385	157	89	27	27	23
From Hulme Cliffe College, Curbar, Shef- field . . .	—	123	—	41	—	41	—	41	—	—
From Harley House, Bow, London . .	—	26	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	—
Total . . .		957	63	78	385	224	89	68	27	23

There are thus 393 seniors against 329 last year, and 564 juniors against 652.

Of these competitors 32 are engaged in teaching, 81 are students, 34 are engaged in trade, 31 are artisans, 7 are milliners or dressmakers, 58 are clerks, 11 are employed in manual labour.

Besides sending up their lists of candidates, Ministers were asked to say how many in their classes and congregations have been studying the various Higher Instruction subjects. These returns are known to be very incomplete; but they seem worth giving, as indicating that the Committee's syllabus is used as a guide by very many who do not care to submit themselves to the ordeal of the examinations:—

Numbers who have studied the subjects (in addition to Candidates).

Presbyteries	Monuments	Luke	The Catechism	Missions	Total
Berwick	—	44	70	—	114
Birmingham . . .	3	4	—	—	7
Bristol	9	35	10	—	54
Carlisle	21	56	22	—	99
Darlington	—	78	16	—	94
Liverpool	77	152	33	13	275
London	326	355	65	48	794
Manchester	—	97	19	—	116
Newcastle	26	371	71	9	477
Northumberland . .	21	35	18	—	74
	483	1,227	324	70	2,104

The total number of students returned is, therefore, 3,061 (some of whom are, of course, counted more than once, e.g. 41 Hulme Cliffe collegians are counted *three* times).

The recent examination has been conducted by the following staff of Examiners:—

ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

Examiner-in-Chief: Prof. ELMSLIE.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division—Section A.—The Rev. J. B. Thorburn, B.D., London. Section B.—The Rev. C. Friskin, Mount Pleasant, Spenny-moor.

Senior Division—Section A.—A. N. MacNicoll, Esq., London. Section B.—The Rev. J. T. Middlemiss, M.A., Sunderland.

LUKE, CHAPTERS I.—XII.

Examiner-in-Chief: The Rev. Dr. NICOLSON.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division—Section A.—The Rev. T. Howell, Stockton. Section B.—W. Rattray, Esq., Hulme Cliff College, Curbar, near Sheffield.

Senior Division—Section A.—J. Oswald, Esq., High School, Fallowfield, Manchester. Section B.—The Rev. A. Gregory, B.D., Wooler.

SHORTER CATECHISM, QUESTIONS 39–81.

Examiner-in-Chief: The Rev. Dr. MURPHY.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division—Section A.—Alexander Clark, Esq., M.A., London. Section B.—The Rev. James Fraser, M.A., Birkenhead.

Senior Division—Section A.—The Rev. J. Robertson, M.A., Pendleton, Manchester. Section B.—The Rev. J. Wallace, M.A., Redcar, Yorkshire.

MISSIONS.

Examiner-in-Chief: Prof. MACALISTER.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division—Section A.—The Rev. W. M. McPhail, M.A., Streatham, London. Section B.—The Rev. W. Ferguson, Barrow-in-Furness.

Senior Division—Section A.—The Rev. G. Wilson, Canonbury, London. Section B.—The Rev. J. D. Watters, Cardiff.

The Examination Papers are appended to the Report (Appendix A).

The Essay Adjudicators for this year are, for the Senior Essays (on the Apologetic Value of the Character of Christ), Professor Gibb, D.D., and the Rev. Forrest F. Young, M.A., Wark; for the Junior Essays (on Israel in the Reign of Solomon), the Rev. Wm. Young, B.A., Higher Broughton, Manchester, and the Rev. H. M. Mackenzie, Southwark, London.

The Committee and the Church are greatly indebted to these honoured brethren for their labours and invaluable assistance in this work.

It falls to Professor Elmslie to retire from the Board of Examiners at this time. The Committee recommend that Dr. Murphy, who is to succeed Professor Elmslie as Convener of the Board, be appointed during his tenure of that office, a member of the Committee *ex officio*. They further recommend that the vacant seat on the Board be filled up by the appointment of the Rev. J. Douglas Watters, M.A., Cardiff.

The approval of the Synod is requested for the following syllabus of studies for next autumn and winter.

I. SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATION.

1. The Period of the Judges.
2. St. Luke's Gospel, Chapters xiii.-xxiv.
3. The Shorter Catechism, Questions 82-107.
4. Apologetics (Dr. Monro Gibson's 'Rock versus Sand').

II. SUBJECTS FOR ESSAYS.

1. For Junior Students: Jewish Sects in the time of our Lord.
2. For Senior Students: Richard Baxter.

The Syllabus, with full information as to text-books, conditions of examination, &c., will be appended to the copies of the complete report to be sent to all successful candidates at the recent examination. It will be frequently printed in the *Presbyterian Messenger*, and copies of it will also be kept in stock at the Publications Office, and will be sent to teachers or students on application. The awards and reports will not be issued separately to each successful candidate, but will be sent to those whose names are given in the Examination Schedules, as undertaking the responsibility of distribution.

IV. *Day Schools*.—The annual investigation into the condition and work of the schools has been conducted by means of schedules and copies of the latest reports of Her Majesty's Inspector asked for in accordance with the instruction of last Synod. The school at Plashetts, after being closed for part of the year, has been reopened; and an application for a grant has been made by the school at Ramsbottom. The Committee have therefore to report upon 14 schools this year.

Of these, 13 are mixed schools, having 942 children on the roll, of whom 570 were presented to H.M. Inspector for examination. In the elementary subjects the percentage of passes was 71·40 :—In Reading, 88·77 p.c. ; Writing, 67·19 p.c. ; and Arithmetic, 58·24 p.c. The total amount of Government Grant earned was £533 16s. 4d., but of this sum £90 consisted of special grants made under § 111, Code 1884. The Infant School at Wharton with 126 on the roll, presented 105 to H.M. Inspector, obtaining a Grant of £55 16s. 6d.

Results of Inspection under Government.

School	Roll	Presented	Passed p.c.	Govt. Grant		
				£	s.	d.
Crookham	100	67	73·63	49	12	2
Horncliffe	88	39	78·63	51	19	2
Tweedmouth	142	73	58·44	51	3	8
Risley	118	78	80·76	80	11	9
Wharton (Mixed) ...	135	111	72·67	76	11	5
„ (Infant)	126	105	100·00	55	16	6
*Falstone	43	35	71·42	34	13	3
*Hott	47	25	65·33	31	1	9
*Kieldar	18	9	59·25	20	17	0
*Plashetts	35	17	50·98	28	9	0
*Bavington	25	17	72·54	26	19	8
*Branton	58	41	69·10	41	13	0
Aston Tyrrold	20	9	70·37	9	1	6
Ramsbottom	73	49	78·23	31	3	0

[This article of the Code provides that in thinly populated districts a special grant may be made, supplementary to the Grant earned by passes.]

The Committee, after making due allowance for cases where sickness has prevailed and for the adverse weather of last winter, cannot regard the results in several of the schools as by any means satisfactory, and have, therefore, warned the managers that the amount of Grant from the Synod will in future largely depend upon the greater efficiency of the teaching, as evidenced in the Government Report. As the Grants to Day Schools last year amounted to £167, the Committee consider that it behoves them to watch very carefully over the distribution of so large a proportion of their scanty income.

The Committee have endeavoured to obtain information respecting Day Schools which are connected with the Church but do not receive aid from the Synod. They regret that they have not been able to obtain full information from all the Presbyteries. But the returns made by the Presbyteries of Newcastle, Manchester, and London are admirably exhaustive and deeply interesting. The *ten* schools of this description, situated in these Presbyteries, are in capital working order and show splendid results. As a specimen, the report on St. John's School, South Shields, is appended :—

Higher Grade Board School, but is not under the School Board. Accommodation, 562 ; average attendance, 406 ; school only in existence ten

* These schools receive a Grant of £15 each under § 111, Code 1884.

months previous to inspection; 287 presented; percentage of passes in Elementary subjects, 96·51. Special subjects—Algebra, 6 passed; French, 18 passed (after six months' teaching). In addition to 8 regular teachers there are a French and German master and a Music teacher who regularly visit the School, and *four* competent teachers who assist at the evening Science Classes. At these evening classes instruction is given in Pure Mathematics, Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry, Machine Construction and Drawing, Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Sound, Light, Heat, Magnetism, Electricity, Inorganic Chemistry, Animal Physiology, Physiography, and Agriculture. At the present time in the General School 133 are studying French and Mathematics, 41 Latin and German, 59 Chemistry, Magnetism, and Electricity, and 18 Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry. Drawing is taught as a Class Subject right through the School from Standard I., and Bible Instruction is regularly given. Prizes are given in every class for punctual and regular attendance, and a scholarship, entitling the successful candidate to education free for 12 months is awarded in each class of the Senior Department on the results of the weekly examinations.

In previous years the Grants have been voted by the Synod, on the recommendation of the Committee. They propose in future, as they have already stated, to give very considerable weight to the Annual Reports of the Government Inspectors; and for this reason they ask authority to determine the grants at their meeting in July, by which time they will have in their hands the results of the Government Examination held in most of the schools during spring or early in summer.

The Day Schools, which are aided by Grants from the Committee, are 14 in number, with 1,028 scholars on the roll. The Reports received from all the Presbyteries, with the exceptions of Liverpool and Northumberland, regarding schools which do not receive Synodical aid, show that there are 10 such schools, with 3,854 scholars on the roll. The absence of returns from the Presbyteries of Liverpool and Northumberland prevents the presentation of full statistics. But it is within the mark to estimate the number of Day Schools connected with the Church at 30, and the scholars on the roll at 7,000.

It is, generally speaking, the small schools in sparsely peopled districts which require aid; and as these schools are of undoubted value to the Congregations with which they are connected, the Church cannot grudge the assistance which is given out of her funds.

The Schools which are not aided are:—

		Scholars.
St. John's, Tottenham	London Presbytery	63
Ancoats	Manchester Presbytery	545
Whalley Range, Blackburn		679
Crewe		760
Pendleton		156
Salford		80
Wigan		519
Howard St., North Shields	Newcastle Presbytery	305
St. John's, South Shields		568
Scaton Delaval		179

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

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[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 582.]

APPENDIX.

HIGHER INSTRUCTION SCHEME.

REPORTS ON EXAMINATIONS.

A. STATEMENTS OF RESULTS.

In the work of preparing the questions and valuing the answers, the object has been, as in the past, to encourage earnest students in the different spheres of study, and with a due regard to differences of training and other relative advantages, to give values of generous appreciation to honest work.

The returns of the Examiners and the Essay Adjudicators are as follows :—

SENIORS.*

	Medals	Distinction	Credit	Passes	Total
Monuments . . .	2	8	22	24	56
Luke	3	8	60	67	138
Catechism . . .	0	5	23	26	54
Missions . . .	2	4	7	1	14
Total . . .	7	25	112	118	262

JUNIORS.*

	Medals	Distinction	Credit	Passes	Total
Monuments . . .	3	17	17	8	45
Luke	4	27	114	79	224
Catechism . . .	9	18	29	12	68
Missions . . .	0	3	5	4	12
Total . . .	16	65	165	103	349

B. REPORTS OF EXAMINERS-IN-CHIEF.

1. *Ancient Monuments.*

The number of competitors in this department is smaller than in former years. The subject prescribed was one of special interest but also of peculiar difficulty, and the text-books, though the best available, were far from satisfactory. But, if the students have somewhat diminished in quantity they have not fallen off in quality. It is the

* For valuation of Essays, see Reports and Prize-list.

opinion of my colleagues, the Sub-Examiners, that the general excellence of the answering is good, while the ability displayed in the papers that rank highest is remarkable. In this verdict I very heartily concur, and take the opportunity of thanking these gentlemen for the admirable thoroughness with which they have discharged their delicate and laborious duty.

W. GRAY ELSLIE.

2. *Gospel of Luke.*

It is once more my pleasant duty to forward the report of the examinations for Seniors and Juniors on the first half of the Gospel of Luke. As the subject was not so profound and metaphysical as that of last year (the Epistle to the Romans) more Candidates presented themselves. But the questions were framed so as not merely to test the memory, but to exercise in due proportion the thinking powers of the competitors. It has been very interesting to study the workings of the various minds in dealing with the wondrous story of the words and works of Jesus of Nazareth. Where explanations are asked, the answers are at times original (now and then remarkably so); but throughout there is apparent a vein of reverent and devout thoughtfulness, which shows that these examinations are helpful in a higher walk—the cultivation and deepening of the spiritual life in our congregations. In the Junior department 1,936 is a remarkable paper, and is ‘easily first,’ showing a mind of more than ordinary grasp and balance and thoughtfulness.

I have to acknowledge the valuable services of the Assistant Examiners, some of whom are evidently familiar with the work: J. Oswald, Esq., whose elaborate notes and suggestions are valuable, and Rev. A. Gregory, M.A., in the Senior Division; and in the Junior Division, W. Rattray, Esq., who has also gone most carefully and elaborately into the work, and Rev. T. Howell. To all of these the Church is deeply indebted for the immense labour bestowed, which has made my work in revising and comparing all the less onerous. Still, when separate answers are allotted to different Examiners, as is necessitated by the large and ever-increasing numbers of the competitors, different standards of valuation cannot but become apparent, which a final and combined revision tends to adjust.

W. MILLAR NICOLSON.

3. *Westminster Shorter Catechism.*

In glancing over the returns of the Sub-Examiners on the Shorter Catechism, I have been impressed with the thorough and conscientious way in which they have discharged their task. The answers of the Candidates also show in many instances an exact and intelligent acquaintance with the teachings of the text books; and in other instances, where the knowledge is not so complete, considerable ingenuity in improvising answers.

ANDREW CHARLES MURPHY.

4. *Church History: Missions.*

The Senior answers are very good; the Junior not so good as last year. The Junior questions dealt entirely with facts, which were not always understood or accurately rendered. The Senior dealt with principles and some of them showed remarkable acuteness of thought.

ALEX. MACALISTER.

5. *Essays.*

Senior.—The Examiners have read with much satisfaction the essays submitted to them. None of them are without merit.

JOHN GIBB, CONVENER.

Junior.—Eleven essays were sent in. First in order of merit stand those by *Critique* and *Vincit qui se vincit*, which are bracketed as equal. Then comes *Quod potui perfeci*, a good second. These three essays are of a very high order. A few brief jottings by the Examiners may be more interesting and useful than mere general remarks.

Critique—"A very able essay; shows great maturity in every way. Displays a large amount of information, and considerable power of delineation."

Vincit qui se vincit—"An able essay characterised by vigorous thinking; well arranged; well expressed; often eloquent; shows considerable breadth of study and observation; is a little hurried at close."

Quod potui perfeci—"A good, *full*, carefully prepared essay; composition very fair." "Peroration chaste and elegant; very admirable essay."

Of the remaining essays honourable mention must be made of *Lycidas* and *Spero*, "Both are marked by great carefulness, and a clear conception of the subject. Some mistakes occur. Style somewhat juvenile and stilted, but writers only need experience in order to improve."

The essays signed *Junior Clerk* and *I know that my Redeemer liveth*, show good knowledge of the subject and some marks of originality, *Junior Clerk* should compose more slowly and with more care; writes apparently with too great facility.

The remaining essays exhibit praiseworthy painstaking, and the writers will in time succeed in taking a higher place.

WILLIAM YOUNG, Convener.

XII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE hopes excited by the success of the Temperance Breakfast Meeting held by the Committee in connection with last Synod have not been disappointed. The stirring address by Archdeacon Farrar, listened to by so large a gathering of Ministers and Elders, could not fail to deepen the interest felt in the subject throughout the Church; and intelligence that has reached us shows that this interest has already led to increased activity.

At its meeting in December your Committee received a letter from Dr. Coley, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, asking its support for a movement in favour of shortening the hours of sale of intoxicating liquors. The measure suggested was that all places where intoxicating liquor is sold to the public be closed at 9 P.M. in towns and 8.30 P.M. in the country. This proposal your Committee cordially agreed to approve.

A memorial to the Government prepared by the National Temperance Federation in favour of Local Option by direct vote was brought before the Executive in December, and endorsed by them in common with nearly all the Temperance organisations in the country. The Prime Minister has expressed his willingness to receive a deputation from the endorsing bodies before the introduction of the Local Government Bill.

In accordance with a resolution of the Committee, the Executive appointed representatives to attend the Temperance Convention held in London, February 15 and 16, 1887.

The Committee have heard with great satisfaction of the proposal to present to Her Majesty the Queen a Jubilee memorial from the women of England in favour of Sunday closing.

At its first meeting after Synod, your Committee's attention was called by the Treasurer to a large debt to the Publications Committee, contracted chiefly by the preparation of illuminated pledge cards, which remained unsold. It was decided to reduce the selling price of these cards, and to make a special effort to raise funds during the year.

A circular to Sessions has been issued as in previous years, with satisfactory results.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by
ROBERT WALES, *Convener.*

APPENDIX.

I. ABSTRACT OF REPORTS FROM PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES.

1. *Berwick*.—No additional organisations reported, but with one or two exceptions very active and efficient Temperance work has been carried on throughout the Presbytery. Spittal Band of Hope has an attendance of 150. Nearly all the ministers set an example of total abstinence. Berwick-on-Tweed, with 95 licensed houses to a population of 13,000, suffers much from Sunday drinking.

2. *Birmingham*.—A full report from this Presbytery shows that Temperance work engages the attention of the Congregations very generally, although the many changes in the ministry have somewhat interfered with its success. There are well-worked and successful Bands of Hope at Camp Hill and New John Street, Birmingham, Derby, Nottingham, and Stafford. No distinct adult society exists.

3. *Bristol*.—Two Bands of Hope and an adult society have been started in the Bristol Congregation.

4. *Carlisle*.—Temperance work continues to flourish in this Presbytery, and in one or two instances new organisations have been formed.

5. *Darlington*.—A special feature in this Presbytery is a Presbyterian Temperance Association, which embraces many of the ministers and office-bearers. Eight well-worked and vigorous Bands of Hope are reported, and two congregational associations (Trinity, Middlesbrough, and St. Andrew's, Stockton). A systematic agitation throughout the bounds of the Presbytery is in contemplation.

6. *Liverpool*.—The Presbytery's Temperance Committee issued a circular to the ministers urging the importance of a sermon on the subject, and recommending the month of December. They believe their request met with a general response. Temperance formed one of the subjects of conference in the Presbytery.

7. *London*.—About half the Congregations report special Temperance organisations. In connection with Regent Square are four Bands of Hope, with a membership of 376, and a Temperance Society numbering 50 members. Camden Road Reports 417 pledges taken by two Bands of Hope and a Gospel Temperance Society. Marylebone has a Band of Hope and two Temperance Societies with a united membership of 285.

8. *Manchester*.—'Brunswick Street Mission (Manchester), St. George's Blackburn, and Preston still lead the van amongst us in this good work. The Temperance organisations in these Congregations are very large. At the monthly meetings of the Brunswick Street Mission Temperance Association there is an average attendance of 400. St. Andrew's, Manchester, has an attendance of 200 at its Mission Band of Hope.' Sale has a vigorous Temperance association on the double basis.

9. *Newcastle*.—'There is a large amount of Temperance work done in this Presbytery, and much that cannot be tabulated.' In North and South Shields, and Sunderland, every Congregation has a Temperance organisation, some

being very successful; and in Newcastle there is only one Congregation without a Temperance society. One new society: several to be formed soon.

10. *Northumberland*.—In this Presbytery only five out of twenty-four Congregations report special Temperance organisations; but all the Ministers have addressed their people from the pulpit on the subject.

II. *Statistics for Year ending December 31st, 1886.*

Presbytery	No. of Congregations and Preaching Stations	No. reporting Temperance Organisations	No. of Societies reported	Societies reporting membership							
				Juvenile		Adult		Combined		Total	
				No.	Membership	No.	Membership	No.	Membership	No.	Membership
Berwick . . .	16	10	11	3	290	1	100	6	433	10	823
Birmingham .	15	11	12	10	700	—	—	2	135	12	835
Bristol . . .	9	4	4	4	303	—	—	—	—	4	303
Carlisle . . .	16	6	12	9	507	—	—	1	75	10	582
Darlington . .	20	10	10	7	863	—	—	1	100	8	963
Liverpool . . .	34	26	46	24	3841	5	648	12	1326	41	5815
London . . .	84	42	64	44	3568	12	830	8	713	64	5111
Manchester . .	30	24	34	13	1319	1	132	17	2825	31	4276
Newcastle . .	44	25	35	28	3860	2	182	4	612	34	4654
Northumberland	24	5	6	2	124	—	—	4	207	6	331
Total . .	292	163	234	144	15,375	21	1,892	55	6426	220	23,693

XIII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROVISION
FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR SOLDIERS
AND SAILORS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

Your Committee desire to thank the ministers of our Church, who in their several districts occupy the position of Acting Chaplain, for the prompt response with which they met the request for a report upon their work among the men of both services who happened to be under their supervision during the past synodical year, and to express the hope that their labours may not be in vain in the Lord.

Reports have been received from the acting chaplains at Alderney, Brighton, Bristol, Carlisle, Chester, Eastbourne, Ipswich, Gravesend, Guernsey, Jersey, Liverpool, Norwich, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Southampton, Stafford District, Sunderland, Warrington, and York.

Nothing of special importance has called for the consideration of your Committee during the year, but they are glad to know that our church service generally proves so acceptable; that the visits paid to barrack rooms, hospitals, and married quarters are welcomed by all; and that there is every reason to believe that the help given to the Soldiers' Institutes in the different districts, in the matter of addresses on temperance and other subjects, are helpful to many young men, in the way of guarding them against vice, and encouraging them to live a dutiful, honourable, and Christian life.

The conditions of life in the public services are of such a character as to demand much faith and patience at the hands of those who labour for the spiritual and intellectual good of soldiers and sailors; but the work is the Lord's, and He will honour and reward it according to His gracious word of command and promise: 'In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.'

Your Committee feel that a tribute of respect is due to the memory of the Rev. William Harvey Jellie, of Southampton, who, during the whole of his ministry at Canterbury, devoted himself with unwearied diligence to his duties among the soldiers quartered at that important military centre. 'A good soldier of Jesus Christ' himself, and one who knew what it was to 'endure hardness,' Mr. Jellie thoroughly won the confidence and esteem of the Presbyterian troops, and in every way, as teacher and pastor, proved himself a faithful friend, a judicious counsellor, and a lively ensample to his military flock.

The Committee have great pleasure in appending a few extracts from chaplains' reports.

The Rev. C. P. Way, *Alderney*, reports :—

At present we have 157 soldiers in garrison, Artillery and Infantry; during the summer months the number has been as high as 250. Rifle practice will soon be resumed, when our numbers will again be considerably augmented. Considering the cheapness of liquor on the island, the conduct of our men has been most exemplary and praiseworthy. The only fault the publicans have to find with them is that they spend so little money. Their behaviour in church is all that could be desired; we frequently have a goodly number at the Sabbath and week-evening services. We regret that the married women are seldom able to attend, owing to the distance of the forts from the church, and the fact of most of them having young children; but they are regularly and systematically visited, and free teas, &c., are occasionally provided for them. There have been eleven baptisms during the year, and one death, a young bombardier, aged twenty-five, one of our most regular attendants. I visited him in hospital a few hours before his death, and it was my privilege to point him to the Lamb of God. On the occasion of preaching his funeral sermon the whole battery was present, including even Roman Catholics, thus showing the respect in which he was held. His early death seems to have made a deep impression upon his comrades, four of whom have since signed the pledge. I frequently visit the men in barracks, and am always heartily welcomed; they give me a seat by the fire, and sit round for friendly conversation; in this way I am frequently able to introduce a few direct words concerning personal salvation, leaving them suitable tracts written especially for soldiers, and kindly and generously supplied by the Religious Tract Society.

The Rev. W. Millar Nicolson, D.Sc., *Bristol*, reports :—

As there had been no chaplaincy here previously, I took steps last July to ascertain the number of Presbyterians in the dépôt of the Gloucestershire Regiment, as well as in the Royal Artillery and Engineers. Though these were found to be but few, the colonel and officers supported the application very heartily, and soon afterwards I was duly recognised by the War Office as acting Presbyterian chaplain. This post gives me here, as in my former appointment at Jersey, opportunities of speaking to the invalids in the hospital at Horfield, irrespectively of denomination. Illustrated tracts and books are eagerly welcomed, and especially the hand-painted text-cards, which an earnest young Christian artist kindly sends me for the purpose. The want of profitable occupation for spare time is a great snare to the poor fellows; and it would be well if technical schools or workshops could be set on foot at all the military dépôts.

The Rev. H. Millican, *Guernsey*, reports :—

Throughout the past year five companies of the 2nd battalion Gordon Highlanders have been in garrison here, consisting of an average of nearly 300 Presbyterians, together with a few Episcopalians and Roman Catholics. Our church being the garrison church for Presbyterians, the regiment has attended on parade every Sabbath morning at the ordinary diet of worship, the psalmody being led by a select portion of the regimental band, under the able conduct of Band-Sergeant John Wilson. The excellent music of 'Church Praise' has been admirably rendered to the great delight of both military and civilian worshippers. A goodly number of non-commissioned officers and men have been regular attendants at the evening diet of worship. Their demeanour in church has always been so good as to be beyond reproach, while outside the church they have, from the first, held a high place in the

good opinion of the civil community. I deeply regret that our lack of suitable accommodation (to which the Synod deputies called attention in their report last year) has rendered it impossible for us to get at the men and do for them as much as we desired to do, through gatherings of a more special and sociable character than an ordinary church service. Perhaps my most satisfactory opportunities of close and direct personal intercourse with the men have been in the cells and in the hospital, which I have visited weekly, and oftener as occasion required. I am glad to say that the average number of inmates of both prison and hospital has been unusually low; in the former about three, in the latter about ten. I have found much pleasure in a weekly class for religious instruction of about twenty band boys and drummers and about fifteen children of married men. Mrs. Millican has paid periodical visits to the families of married men, and has always been received with much cordiality. We have tried our best to make the men feel *at home* with us, and I think we have succeeded very well; for on special occasions, tea meetings and the like, they have attended in large numbers, many of them rendering excellent help. The regiment has also done us a good turn, in getting up a military concert and assault-at-arms in aid of a fund for a new organ for our church; the net proceeds were £38. They hope to give us a second help in a similar way before leaving. A valuable grant from the Stirling Tract Society, and a good parcel from the Religious Tract Society, procured for me by the well-known soldiers' friend, General Tripe, have furnished me with excellent literature for free distribution, which has been highly appreciated. Three children of the regiment, a son and daughter of Schoolmaster Brown and a daughter of Quartermaster-Sergeant Anderson, passed successfully the *Shorter Catechism examination*. I presented the prizes (Oxford Bibles) on a Sabbath morning, in presence of the regiment, all appearing to be highly interested in the proceedings. I find it extremely difficult—I may say, impossible—to tabulate spiritual results. The men have been perpetually on the move, all the companies having in turn spent some months in Alderney, and two heavy drafts having been despatched to Malta. Yet I know that good seed has been sown, and I know, too, that God is faithful, who has said, 'My word shall not return unto Me void.'

The Rev. Joseph Wood, *Plymouth*, reports:—

Owing to the departure of the Gordon Highlanders from the station in December 1885, the number of Presbyterian soldiers under my care during the year 1886 was reduced from 427 to 58. The number of Presbyterian sailors and marines, however, has increased from 124 to 246, so at present our total strength is 304, against 651 in the preceding year.

The general features of the work, as sketched in previous reports, remain unchanged. I may note the increase in the number of Presbyterian boys that attend our Sabbath morning Bible class; the average now reaches 75 or 80. Owing to the presence of Christian officers on board the training-ships, an improvement in the conduct and character of the boys is apparent.

The work in the hospitals during the year has been unusually sad and solemn. We have had no less than six deaths—the majority of these occur amongst the boys. But in most cases we are able to speak hopefully.

The removal of Colonel Anderson, R.A., from the neighbourhood, on his retirement from the service, has inflicted upon us a serious loss, and it will be difficult to fill his place.

In addition to what may be called my regular routine work, I take part in services conducted in the Soldiers' Home. These are held every night. The weekly Bible reading for officers, which is also held at the Home, I regularly attend. This is a meeting of special interest; officers high in rank, both in the army and navy, come together for the study of the Word of God and for prayer.

The Rev. Andrew Halliday, M.A., *Portsmouth*, reports:—

Owing to the absence of all Scotch regiments from Portsmouth, the numbers during the past year have been small, and being so scattered we have not had any large gatherings. The attention of those present is remarkable, and the interest of many is shown by their attendance at evening service. The hospital affords some golden opportunities for work, and the Lord has been pleased to bless seemingly the truth to some whom He has since taken to be with Himself.

The watchfulness and cunning subtilty of the Jesuits makes missionary work in the hospital and elsewhere most arduous. Scouts are ever on the outlook so as to hamper such as the Scripture-readers in their work as much as possible. I deem it imprudent, however, to make any noise, but quietly and persistently carry on the work.

This is not the place to relate in detail the conversion of one whose last days were bright with testimony, and the memory of whom shall be ever fragrant.

The Rev. Samuel Macnaughton, M.A., *Preston*, reports:—

The soldiers at this station under my care during the past year numbered about forty, the average being over thirty each quarter. Some of the non-commissioned officers and men have been very active in Christian and temperance work, one of them holding a Bible class and prayer meeting in his own house outside the barracks. He and his wife are members of our church. My labours among the men have been of a very pleasant character.

The Rev. John Johnstone, *Southampton*, reports:—

Detachments of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were quartered at Marchwood till the end of September. We had usually a full muster of the men who could be spared from duty, and we kept their reading-room supplied with magazines, tracts, &c. I am often over at Marchwood, and make a point of getting acquainted as far as possible with officers and men. The men are usually very attentive, and I have reason to believe that they enjoyed the services, and that good was done.

There is no Scotch detachment at present at Marchwood, but I notice that soldiers who are not Presbyterians come sometimes to our services. Whenever a change of detachment occurs, I call upon the officers and inquire whether there are any of our men in the detachment, and though there may be none of our own church in garrison, the men, nevertheless, always make me welcome.

Acting Chaplains to Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors.

Alderney, Rev. C. P. Way.	Liverpool, Rev. H. T. Howat, D.D.
Bradford, Rev. Robert S. Coffey.	Norwich, Rev. W. A. McAllan.
Brighton, Rev. William Fraser, M.A.	Plymouth, Rev. Joseph Wood.
Bristol, Rev. W. Miller Nicolson, D.Sc.	Portsmouth, Rev. Andrew Halliday, M.A.
Canterbury (Church vacant)	Preston, Rev. S. Macnaughton, M.A.
Carlisle, Rev. James Christie, B.A.	Reading, Rev. N. A. Ross, LL.B.
Chatham, Rev. S. D. Scammell.	Sheffield, Rev. William Hareus, M.A.
Chester, Rev. J. Mitchell, B.D.	Shrewsbury, Rev. George Bennett.
Eastbourne, Rev. H. C. Wilson, M.A.	Stafford District (Church vacant)
Gravesend, Rev. R. Balgarnie, D.D.	Sunderland, Rev. James S. Rae.
Guernsey, Rev. H. Millican.	Southampton (Totton), Rev. J. Johnstone.
Ipswich, Rev. Alexander Jeffrey.	Warrington, Rev. J. Warnock, M.A., B.D.
Jersey, Rev. William McCaw, D.D.	Woolwich, Rev. William Raitt, Ph.D.
Leeds, Rev. John Reid, M.A.	York, Rev. Alexander Stirling.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JAMES CHRISTIE, *Convener*.

XIV.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRAISE

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE Committee are happy to be in a position to report that the course recommended by the Synod of last year, with a view to keep alive an interest in congregational praise throughout the Church, has been generally adopted. Corresponding members have been appointed in all the Presbyteries, and the communications which have been received from these by the Convener may be summarised as follows:—

Presbytery of *Berwick*.—Rev. Robert Scott reports that 9 Congregations use ‘Church Praise,’ 5 the ‘U. P. Hymnal,’ and 1 ‘Psalms and Paraphrases;’ that in Berwick there is a Choral Union and Tonic Sol-fa Society, but that the country Congregations decline to co-operate in securing a teacher of music on account of the expense.

Presbytery of *Birmingham*.—Rev. George Bennett reports that returns have been received from 13 out of the 15 Congregations, indicating continued though not marked progress throughout the year; that choirs which meet for weekly practice are general; that ‘Church Praise’ is used with only one exception, that the ‘Bible Psalter,’ however, is but sparingly used in several, and not at all in some Churches, though in 1 it is regularly used at both services; that anthems are sung occasionally in 8, frequently in 4, and at every Sabbath evening service in 1 congregation.

Mr. Bennett also gathers the following suggestions out of his returns:—

1. That the Praise Service be printed for the quarter in advance.
2. Occasional musical service.
3. Formation of a Church Musical Association.
4. That the congregation be invited to the weekly practice.
5. That the choir be kept on a higher spiritual platform, and their minds imbued with a more solemn sense of the dignity of the work they are called to perform.

Mr. Bennett adds that the usefulness and popularity of the present Hymnal are established by such returns as he has received, as well as by subsequent information obtained at the Presbytery.

Presbytery of *Carlisle*.—Rev. James Christie reports that ‘Church Praise’ is used in 11 congregations; that there are choirs in all but 1, and that these with 2 exceptions meet for weekly practice; that in 5 there is a juvenile choir; that in 8 the services rendered by choirmaster are

voluntary ; that in 11 there is instrumental music ; that the accounts of the heartiness of the singing are very various.

Mr. Christie adds that public praise on the whole is improving, and engages that the matter shall be kept before ministers and congregations.

Presbytery of *Darlington*.—Rev. H. P. Slade reports that 3 out of the 20 Congregations do not use ‘Church Praise ;’ that 15 regularly sing a children’s hymn, 2 occasionally ; that 6 use exclusively the tunes set to the hymns, 11 extensively ; that 3 use the anthems pretty generally, 9 occasionally, and 6 not at all ; that all but 2 use instrumental music ; that all but 1 have choirs, and that of these 16 meet for choir practice.

Mr. Slade adds that one return warns against the danger of making the music the predominant idea in the selection of hymns, and quotes from another the suggestion that the hymns for the month should be published beforehand, in order that the people might practice them in their homes.

Presbytery of *Liverpool*.—Mr. A. Guthrie reports that the congregations have now mostly adopted the new hymn book, that improvement is going on, and that one of the chief obstacles to further improvement is the difficulty of getting capable organists to take up our plain service. To this the clerk adds that in Presbytery he elicited the fact that a good deal had been done in the interests of Psalmody during the year, though not under the superintendence of the local committee.

Presbytery of *Manchester*.—Rev. W. Rigby Murray reports that the Presbyterian Church Association has come to an end, but that progress is being made in more private and separate ways.

Presbytery of *Northumberland*.—Rev. A. H. Drysdale reports that their Committee met twice during the year ; that they recommended Presbytery—

1. To instruct ministers to preach once at least on the subject of the service of praise in the sanctuary.

2. To secure that one of the addresses at each annual social meeting should be on some branch of this subject, with special reference to the ‘Book of Praise.’

That both these suggestions have been largely complied with ; that ‘Church Praise’ is being introduced as rapidly as the Presbytery could wish ; that the desirableness of our Praise Book in all our Churches, especially where migrations from one neighbourhood to another are frequent, is being strongly felt, and that he has personally been in the habit of making ‘Church Praise’ the text of his address at annual meetings and elsewhere.

Mr. Drysdale promises that a query sheet, with modifications locally needful, will be issued next year to Congregations.

Presbytery of *Newcastle*.—Rev. W. Dryburgh reports that praise in the public worship of God receives a fair amount of attention throughout the Presbytery ; that ‘Church Praise’ is very generally used, and has roused a considerable amount of enthusiasm wherever it has been introduced ; that the use of instrumental aids is almost universal.

For the Presbytery of *London*, Rev. John Mauchlen has been

appointed corresponding member, and for the Presbytery of *Bristol*, Rev. Dr. W. Millar Nicholson, but at periods too late to permit of their obtaining returns for the present year. In *Highbury Church* (London), an admirable rendering of psalms, hymns, and anthems, selected from the Hymnal, was given in January of the present year, as there had been also in the previous year, at which representatives of the choirs of seven North London Congregations took part. It is hoped that this practice will be kept up annually, and made to circulate from Congregation to Congregation.

On the whole the above body of information may be deemed to be a good beginning of the work of Presbyterian supervision. It is suggested that, in future inquiries, the query sheet appended to the report of 1886 may be taken as a suitable basis to work upon, and modified to meet varieties of circumstance in the different Presbyteries. The subject is one which cannot be regarded to be of temporary interest. The advent and fostering of a Hymnal is not 'the be all and the end all' of the Committee's work. With the occasional exception of the Lord's Prayer, praise is the only element of the service in which our congregations take an audible part. It is perhaps owing to this circumstance that it occupies the almost too monopolising and absorbing place it does in some of our own and other non-conforming congregations. The people will be interested, and interested through the senses. If then praise be with us the one element of public worship in which the voice of the people is heard, it is important that it should be rendered heartily, generally, and as artistically as is consistent with cordiality of tone and warmth of spiritual emotion. It is to the accomplishment of these ends that the efforts of the Committee, through the co-operation of the several Presbyteries, are to be addressed. Each succeeding year's Presbyterian reporting will bring new wants to light, suggest new remedies, open up new paths of improvement. The beginning now made is necessarily partial and tentative, but the general good-will shown by the Presbyteries, as evidenced by the returns sent in by their corresponding members, is an indication to the Committee that they have fallen on an efficient mode of awakening and sustaining an intelligent interest in congregational song throughout the Church.

The Committee suggest that the Calendar of Hymns, &c., to be used in public worship should be prepared in advance for purposes of choir and family practice; also that the tunes set to the hymns should as far as possible be adhered to in congregational praise.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

ANDREW C. MURPHY,

Convener.

XV.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

YOUR Committee have to report that the periodicals of the Church have been issued regularly during the year.

By instruction of last Synod your Committee took charge of the weekly and the monthly issues of the 'Presbyterian Messenger' from May 1, 1886. Your Committee first turned their attention to improving the monthly issue. From the beginning of 1886 the same copy of the 'Messenger' was employed for the monthly issue as well as for one of the weekly issues. Not only did this cause considerable confusion to many of the subscribers to the weekly journal, but, as is obvious, the monthly publication necessarily included items of information not of the first importance for the enlarged circulation, and thus far the value of the monthly journal for its purpose was decreased. Your Committee resolved that it was desirable to modify this arrangement. Considering that in each issue of the 'Weekly Messenger' there might be information or articles fitted for the monthly number, they arranged that all such material should be selected and put together so as to make a new journal suited for wide distribution throughout the Church. Your Committee were able to carry this plan out without adding materially to the cost of production, and they have reason to believe that the result has given general satisfaction. The weekly paper has done important service to the Church by giving us a regular and frequent channel for distributing information as to the work of the Church at home and abroad, and supplying a medium for discussing questions affecting the welfare of the Church. Your Committee regret that the circulation of the weekly paper is still far below what they had reason to expect it would reach; and they believe that the members of Synod will be surprised to learn that the monthly journal, which is the only paper containing the intelligence regarding the remarkable Missionary work the Church carries on in China and India, is not circulated in several large congregations.

Your Committee have to report to the Synod that they made application to the Treasurership Committee for the sum of £250, which they reported to last Synod would be required to meet the loss that would accrue during the year in the management of the monthly and weekly issues of the 'Messenger,' and which the last Synod accepted, giving at

the same time instructions for its continuance on these terms for the year then ensuing. The Treasurership Committee declined to pay the money, on the ground that they had no funds out of which they could meet the charge. Your Committee suffered great inconvenience from this, and respectfully report the matter, and request that instructions be issued by the Synod thereanent.

Your Committee regret to report that the loss incurred in carrying on the 'Messenger' has been greater than they estimated, mainly because of the circulation not reaching the number that was expected. A small sum of £7 0s. 4d. was deficient in the returns for the five monthly issues at the beginning of the year, and for both the monthly and weekly issues from the second week of May the deficit amounts to £285 1s. But your Committee submit that even this large sum for the eight months is not a heavy charge for securing the maintenance of a weekly newspaper in the interests of the Church; and any loss to the Church would speedily disappear if the members were loyally to support the paper. A list of subscribers equal to one-tenth of the Church's members would enable your Committee, not only to carry it on without loss, but to introduce improvements. Surely this is not too much to expect for a periodical which is the only means of supplying information as to the Church's work throughout her borders at home and her work abroad. At present less than one in twenty of the members of the Church subscribe for the weekly 'Messenger.'

The circulation of the 'Children's Messenger' has remained nearly the same as during the previous year, and the gross profits have amounted to £137 9s. 8d.

'Our Sisters in other Lands' has been regularly issued on behalf of the Women's Missionary Association. Your Committee have issued on behalf of the same Association three small tracts, intended to develop an interest in their work in China and India: these are 'The Faith and Trials of an Indian Princess,' of which 5,000 were published, and it is already out of print; 'The Women of China,' and 'The Plea of China's Murdered Infants,' both by Miss Ricketts. Your Committee have undertaken the issue of a work entitled 'Pagoda Shadows,' by Miss Adèle M. Fielde, who has been working for an American Church alongside of our own Missionaries for the last twelve years. This work deals with the condition of women in China, and the benefits conferred on them by the Gospel, and gives the story of several Christian women taken down by Miss Fielde from their own lips. It has recently been issued in America, and its publication here has been undertaken at the suggestion of the Missionaries at Swatow, and at the pecuniary risk of the editor. Dr. J. Oswald Dykes has agreed to write a preface to the English edition. It is believed that this volume will greatly develop the intelligent interest in the work of the Women's Missionary Association.

A large proportion of the recent reprint of the 'Book of Order' has been sold.

The New Year's Address to the young people of the Church, prepared at the request of the Instruction of Youth Committee by the Rev. George Wilson, entitled 'A Child of Light,' was issued; 5,000 copies were printed, all of which have been sold.

The arrangements for the early and regular supply of the Westminster Helps for Sabbath School Teachers and Scholars, prepared by the Presbyterian Church of the United States, have been satisfactorily carried out since last Synod, and a considerable increase has accordingly taken place in the circulation of these most valuable publications. Your Committee urge their importance to the teachers in all schools where the International Series of Lessons is in use.

The Committee deeply regret the serious state of its finances, as indicated by the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account. These show that, in addition to the loss of £285 1s. on the 'Presbyterian Messenger' since the adoption of the weekly issue in May last, a loss of £506 5s. 2d. has resulted from the general business of the Committee. This loss, added to that sustained in 1885, not only swallows up the whole of the working capital of £440, but leaves a deficiency beyond of £335 11s. 2d. The causes of this condition of affairs are not confined to the past year, but date for some time back. The working of the weekly paper through its limited circulation has given expensive labour and insufficient pay. This has been sustained at the injury of the general business. In addition to this a growing inattention of the late manager, shown in his irregularity in attendance at the office, caused a laxity that has been difficult to check and overcome. The accounts for 1885 supplied evidence of this, but the full effects of it have only since been ascertained. The purchase of stock beyond the immediate requirements of the business, and the giving credit whilst charging cash prices, have been also causes of loss. The capital needed to sustain such a trade not being possessed, a charge for interest on borrowed money or overdue accounts was the result.

To determine the actual state of affairs as closely as possible has been, from the multiplicity of detail in the business, both a difficult and laborious matter. The Committee, having regard to the condition of the business at the end of March, 1886, believe that in the last three quarters of the year it has been conducted efficiently and economically. They think that the debts and the stock will probably produce nearly if not the full amount they are taken at in the Balance Sheet. But time and judgment will be needed to realise them to the best advantage. By the plan of discontinuing giving credit a great saving in labour can be secured, and a consequent lessening of charges, and in this and other ways it is hoped to close the current year without loss.

Your Committee have appointed as manager Mr. T. O. Smith, who is an Elder in one of the London Churches, and has long been connected with the office as manager of the weekly paper. His devotion to the work of the office, and his punctual and efficient attention to business, have already greatly aided the Committee in attaining to a more hopeful position.

The Church must, however, your Committee fear, face a loss on the 'Messenger' for some time to come, unless a united and successful effort is made to secure its circulation among the families of the Church. Your Committee succeeded in making the monthly 'Messenger' cover its own expenses. Previous to the Committee taking charge of the 'Messenger' the annual deficit that had to be made up was considerable. This was

charged *pro rata* on the Committees of the Synod, and during the six years immediately preceding the date at which the 'Messenger' was taken up by your Committee the Foreign Missions Committee paid £279 16s. 7d. towards this deficit, or at the rate of a little less than £50 a year. Your Committee not only saved this sum but they greatly increased the circulation of the 'Messenger,' and made it consequently much more efficient in its service to the Church. Your Committee believe that a greater benefit will come to the Church from the permanent establishment of a widely circulating weekly paper; the difficulties that at present beset this undertaking can, they believe, be overcome.

Your Committee have suffered greatly from never having had sufficient capital. From the time the Church became its own publisher your Committee looked forward to the Hymn Book of the United Church being placed in their hands for publication, and this, without the net profits, which would have belonged to the Church, would have secured a certain benefit to your Committee, as publisher, of which it has been entirely deprived. But waiving these considerations, which may be said to belong to the past, your Committee would respectfully urge that the share of profit which has already come to the Church from the Hymn Book, should, in the first instance, be treated as an asset of this Committee. And in regard to the loss on the 'Presbyterian Messenger' your Committee would suggest two ways by which it may be met. First, that the Treasurership Committee be instructed to assess, as they may deem equitable, the several funds of the Church—as each fund, more or less, receives a benefit from its circulation—to the extent necessary to meet this deficiency; or, secondly, that the Hymn Book Fund bear the loss that may arise from time to time. Your Committee judge that as the latter is a fund arising from profit made on publishing, it may by many be preferred to that of making a charge against the General Funds, Missionary and otherwise, of the Church.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

T. W. THACKER,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church' at p. 584.]

XVI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND
HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

IN accordance with the Synod's instructions, your Committee have had a consultation with the Treasurership Committee respecting the nomination of a solicitor to act as legal adviser of the Church, and as the result of careful deliberation, they beg to report as follows:—

1. That it is desirable that a legal adviser should be appointed as soon as a suitable person can be found.
2. That no appointment be made meanwhile ; but
3. That the Synod be recommended to continue authority to the Law and Historical Documents Committee, in conjunction with the Treasurership Committee, to make such an appointment as soon as they shall be satisfied that such a person has presented himself.

Your Committee have taken steps to ascertain what emendations are required in the Book of Order, especially as regards the exercise of discipline in the various courts of the Church, but they have not yet received sufficient information to enable them to report upon the same. Some suggestions from the Presbytery of Darlington on the relation of Presbyteries, as regards jurisdiction, to Ministers without charge, labouring within the bounds, have been submitted to your Committee, and they will be considered in connection with the contemplated revision of the Book of Order.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that considerable progress has been made in the preparation of the Historical Essay, and that the Rev. Mr. A. H. Drysdale hopes to have it completed before the meeting of next Synod. Your Committee earnestly request Members of the Church to provide the necessary funds for the same.

Your Committee have at different times called the attention of Synod to the state of the Trust Deeds. The Committee on the Church's relation to the Westminster Confession having collected much information on such deeds for the matter in which they are engaged, your Committee would suggest that that Committee be requested to hand over such documents to the Law and Historical Documents Committee, in order to enable them to present the whole in a collected form.

The fourth edition of the Book of Order has been published, and has already had a considerable sale.

LEONE LEVI,
Convener.

XVII.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE Judicial Committee have to report that, as no Presbytery of the Church required counsel from them in any case of Libel, their services have not been called into request during the past year.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

W. McCRAW,

Convener.

XVIII.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NOMINATION

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE Board of Nomination have to report that they met on Wednesday, November 17, 1886; that there was a large and widely representative attendance of members; and that with entire and cordial unanimity they nominated the Rev. William Sutherland Swanson, late Missionary to China, as the Moderator of the next meeting of Synod.

DAVID MACEWAN,

Convener.

XIX.

REPORT OF TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

IN submitting the accounts of the various funds for the past year your Committee cannot but record their sense of the goodness of God in bringing the Church through a year, marked by such severe commercial depression, with results on the whole so satisfactory.

The position of the various funds at the close of the year is shown in the following statement of the Balances, debit or credit, with which the accounts closed:—

Balance at 31st December, 1886.

	£	s.	d.	Dr. £	s.	d.	Cr. £	s.	d.
Sustentation Fund Reserve ...							2,083	8	7
Aged and Infirm Ministers' ...							205	18	2
Widows and Orphans' ...							182	9	2
Foreign Missions ...	324	5	0						
Women's Association ...	421	4	4						
							745	9	4
Home Mission—									
North Eastern Board ...	40	12	7						
North Western and Midland ...	304	3	8						
Southern Board ...	207	15	1						
	552	11	4						
Reserve Fund ...	750	0	0				1,302	11	4
Church Building Fund—									
North Eastern Board ...	305	19	7						
North Western and Midland ...	1,255	5	0						
Southern Board ...	3,841	14	0						
	5,402	18	7						
Amount reserved to pay grant under old scheme...	375	0	0						
							5,777	18	7
Jewish Mission ...							193	13	9
Continental Churches ...							308	1	3
College ...				772	1	9			
Scholarships ...							97	4	9
College Trust Capital ...							178	13	4
Interest on Barbour Legacy ...							166	16	6
Instruction of Youth ...							101	12	4
Carried forward	£772	1	9				11,343	17	1

	£ s. d.			Dr. £ s. d.			Cr. £ s. d.		
Brought forward				772	1	9	11,343	17	1
Synod Fund							81	9	5
Union Thanksgiving Fund ...							50	0	0
Profit on 'Church Praise' ...							2,850	8	6
Expenses of 'School Praise' ...				244	4	7			
				1,016	6	4	14,325	15	0
Bankers' Balance—									
Fuller & Co. General Account	3,226	0	1						
Sustentation Fund	2,083	8	7						
Deposits—									
Fuller & Co. .	6,000	0	0						
Hongkong and									
Shanghai Bank	1,000	0	0						
Chartered Bank									
of India ...	1,000	0	0						
				8,000	0	0			
							13,309	8	8
							£14,325	15	0
							£14,325	15	0

Setting to one side here the sum standing as a debit balance on account of the expenses of 'School Praise,' it will be seen that only one of the real working funds of the Church (the College Fund) shows a debit balance. No doubt that debit balance is serious enough, and will receive the careful consideration of the Synod in connection with the College Report; but the fact that all the other funds show credit balances, affords evidence of a wonderful solidity as characterising the various funds, as well as of the care with which they are administered, the liberality of our people, and the Divine blessing behind all.

Your Committee do not forget that the Foreign Mission Fund has only closed with a credit balance in virtue of a special effort made at the close of the year; but the warmth and liberality of the response made to the appeal then put forth are themselves matter of profound thankfulness, while your Committee are glad to learn that arrangements are in progress for equalising expenditure and ordinary income, which promise soon to place the Fund in a satisfactory position.

One Fund, the exact position of which, in relation to its responsibilities, is not shown in the above statement, does seem to afford ground for anxiety. Your Committee understand that the Committee on Ministerial Support are seriously concerned about the Sustentation Fund, which, notwithstanding a persistent diminution in its resources year by year since 1882, has hitherto closed each year with a credit balance, but was only able to meet its engagements for 1886 by a slight draft on the Reserve Fund. Though that draft has been a slight one, your Committee are given to understand that re-arrangements come into operation this year, which will still further diminish the amount available as aid, while the obligations of the fund will be increased by the same cause. The attention of the Synod will no doubt be called to this in connection with the report of the committee more immediately concerned.

With the exception of the College and Sustentation Funds, the

finance of the Church seems to be, on the whole, in a sound and satisfactory condition.

As on former occasions your Committee reproduce here a comparative statement of congregational contributions to the principal funds of the Church, which has already been submitted to the various Presbyteries, together with a corresponding statement of the contributions from the Congregations within the bounds of each. The general statement is as follows:—

Congregational Contributions to Synodical Funds.

	1886			1885			1884			1883			1882		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sustentation Fund (Aid) .	5,293	14	11	5,479	18	6	5,586	18	8	5,818	6	5	6,002	12	1
Foreign Missions	7,755	19	10	7,547	16	8	8,584	1	4	8,265	18	0	8,476	15	8
Home Mission .	1,553	10	3	1,596	5	10	1,520	13	6	1,585	12	4	1,775	8	5
Jewish Mission.	844	10	6	757	6	4	839	2	9	854	8	10	846	10	9
Continental Churches . .	427	8	11	380	6	1	438	7	8	415	18	9	605	10	8
College . . .	774	9	0	808	6	4	947	8	1	942	5	8	1,103	9	3
Instruction of Youth . . .	293	12	7	280	3	10	235	7	11	257	16	9	157	8	3
	16,943	6	0	16,850	3	7	18,151	19	11	18,140	6	9	18,967	15	1

It will be seen from this statement that while taking the aggregate amount the Church has happily held her ground since 1885, we are still £2,000 worse (about 11 per cent.) than in 1882. It will also be seen that, with the single exception of the Fund for the Instruction of Youth, every Fund participates in the loss, the proportion being roughly: Sustentation Fund (Aid) and Foreign Missions each about £700; College about £300; Home Mission and Continental Fund each about £200. The advance in the Fund for the Instruction of Youth is about £100. One gratifying circumstance, in this connection, is the steady improvement in the number of collections taken throughout the Church for the Synod schemes, which has risen from 46 per cent. in 1877 to 59 per cent. in 1886.

Your Committee have the satisfaction of reporting that a net sum of £992 14s. 2d. has this year accrued from the sale of the hymn-books, the net total being now £2,606 3s. 11d., representing the sum of £2,850 8s. 6d. to the credit of 'Church Praise' against £244 4s. 7d. to the debit of 'School Praise.' Your Committee have had under consideration a suggestion made in the course of discussion at last Synod, that the Hymn Book accounts should be given in detail among the accounts of the Church; but they are of opinion that the object in view will be sufficiently provided for by throwing the accounts open for inspection by any office-bearer of the Church who may wish to consult them, and they recommend that the Synod authorise this.

In former years your Committee have drawn attention to the ten-

dency to excessive expenditure on account of the travelling expenses of Committees. They are glad to notice that the expenditure under this head is reduced in the accounts for 1886 from £360 2s. 4d. to £221 3s. 9d. They venture to think that the latter sum should be regarded as a *maximum* which every effort should be made not to exceed in future years.

It will be seen that the expenditure from the Synod Fund has slightly exceeded the income for the year, leaving a somewhat small balance to meet the expenditure for the first quarter of this year. Your Committee do not, however, deem it desirable that there should be any increase in the rate of assessment, especially as they anticipate that the expenditure for the travelling expenses of members of Synod will be this year considerably less than last, owing to the meetings being held in a more central place. The cost of travelling expenses is always greatest when the Synod meets in London.

At the December meeting of the Committee an application was laid before them for payment of £250 on account of estimated loss on the publishing of the 'Presbyterian Messenger' for the year, and a few days later your Committee conferred on the matter with a sub-Committee of the Publications Committee; but as your Committee have no funds available for such a purpose, and had received no instructions from the Synod on the matter, they found themselves unable to do anything.

Your Committee have conferred with the Committee on Law and Historical Documents in the course of the year in regard to the appointment of a legal adviser, and are hopeful that, should the Synod see its way to continue the authority to make an appointment, this may be accomplished in the course of the coming Synodical year.

Your Committee would again draw attention to the provision now made for the safe custody of trust deeds and other documents requiring the protection of a safe. They regret that more Congregations do not avail themselves of the facilities thus provided for their protection from the various risks attending the holding of such documents in private custody.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN, *Convener*.

[For Synod Fund Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 583; for Office Charges, p. 585; Summary of Receipts for Synodical Funds, p. 586.]

XX.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

YOUR Committee have to report that, after consultation with the various other standing committees, they find that the arrangement for the aggregate meetings of committees being held in July, November, and December has worked sufficiently well during the past year to make it expedient to continue the same as the ordinary arrangement for the future, and they recommend accordingly.

In regard to the collection for Synod Schemes, they have to report that a representation was made to them from the Committee on the Instruction of Youth, that October would be a more suitable month for the collection for that Fund. As there seemed no very strong reason for refusing to try this arrangement, they agreed to recommend that the collections for the ensuing Synodical Year be arranged as follows, viz. :—

For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of May, 1887.

„ Continental Work	„	„	July, „
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„	Oct. „
„ College	„	„	Nov. „
„ Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan., 1888.
„ Home Mission	„	„	Mar. „

The attention of your Committee having been drawn to the circumstance that, owing to the meeting of the Council of the General Presbyterian Alliance having been appointed to be held in London in 1888, it would not be convenient for the Synod to meet there in that year, it was agreed to recommend to the Synod to appoint its next meeting to be held in Newcastle.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Overture from the Presbytery of London on the Mode of Procedure in Debate, remitted to them by last Synod, in regard to which they recommend that the present system, as laid down in the Book of Order and the Synod's Standing Orders, be adhered to. In regard to the Method of Taking the Vote, also referred to them, they have to request that another year be allowed to them for the consideration of the question.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN,
Convener.

XXI.

MINUTES OF
 SYNOD'S COMMISSION ON ' BLYTH CASE,'
 SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

AT London and within the College Buildings, Queen's Square, the Seventeenth day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-six Years, at 7 o'clock P.M., which time and place, the Commission, appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England to deal with the case of an appeal and complaint against a judgment of the Presbytery of Newcastle in a case of discipline with reference to the Rev. James Craig, of Blyth, met.

In the absence of the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, Moderator of Synod, the Rev. Dr. Fraser was called to the chair, who constituted the Commission with prayer.

The Extract Minutes of the Synod appointing the Commission were read :

At London, and within Regent Square Church, on Wednesday, the 28th day of April, 1886, at Half-past Ten o'clock A.M.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Inter alia,—

The Synod took up an Appeal and a Complaint against a Judgment of the Presbytery of Newcastle, in a case of discipline with reference to the Rev. James Craig, of Blyth.

The Convener of the Business Committee submitted a recommendation from that Committee to the effect that, subject to the acquiescence of the parties concerned, the Synod, owing to the very limited time at its disposal, should appoint a Special Commission, with full Synodical powers, to review and finally issue this case.

The Synod adopted the recommendation.

Parties were called : when there appeared the Rev. James Mackenzie and Rev. David Tasker for the Appellants ; the Rev. John Reid, jun., as a complainant ; Rev. Richard Leitch for the Presbytery ; and the Rev. James Craig for himself.

All the parties expressed their acquiescence in the mode of settlement proposed, and it was remitted to the Selection Committee to nominate the members of the Special Commission.

The decision of the Synod was intimated to the parties.

Same day—Evening Sederunt.

The Selection Committee reported that they had nominated the following brethren as the Commission in the case of the Newcastle Appeal, namely :—Revs. Dr. Edmond, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Fraser, Dr. James Muir, Mr. Lundie, J. T. McGaw, W. Hutton, Robert Cowan, C. Moinet, J. Mellis, *Ministers* ; Dr. Leone Levi, Messrs. John M. Douglas, Thomas Matheson, Thomas Holder, George Duncan, G. B. Blair, J. Muir Leitch, Charles Macdonald, R. T. Turnbull, Robert Morton, *Elders* ; Dr. Fraser, *Convener*.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

April 30th, 1886.

The Synod added the name of the Moderator to the Commission in the Blyth Case—the Moderator to preside, and the Rev. Dr. Muir to act as Clerk—and instructed that the Commission meet in the College on Monday, the 17th May, at 7 o'clock p.m.

The roll of the Commission was called, when it was found there were present, the Revs. Drs. Edmond, Dykes, Fraser, Muir, Messrs. Lundie, McGaw, Hutton, Cowan, Mellis, *Ministers* ; and Dr. Leone Levi, Messrs. Douglas, Thomas Matheson, Duncan, Muir Leitch, Macdonald, and Turnbull, *Elders*. Excuses for absence were read from Messrs. Holder and Morton, Members of Commission, and from Messrs. Tasker and Reid, Appellants. Of these the excuse of Mr. Morton only was sustained, that of the others was simply received.

A printed copy of the papers in the case, prepared at the instance and at the expense of the Appellants, was laid on the table by the Clerk. After consideration it was agreed to accept of the printed copy as now presented as a correct copy of the MS. documents, with the following exception : the sentence in the evidence of Hannah Wilkinson, towards the foot of p. 27, reading thus :—‘I did not think it a remarkable letter, *only I knew*,’ &c., should be, ‘I did not think it a remarkable letter, *only I did not know*,’ &c. A letter was read from Rev. James Craig, stating that there was some evidence not included, he presumed, in the papers which he brought forward in his speech in the Presbytery and craving that the said evidence should be allowed in the pleading before the Commission. The Commission granted the request. One or two unimportant verbal errors in the printed copy were made, whereupon the Commission, with the consent of all parties, accepted of the said printed document as a correct copy of the papers in the case, and as a copy was in the hands of each Member of Commission, the whole papers were held as read.

The Extract Minutes of the Presbytery of Newcastle giving the judgment of the Presbytery in the case, and the Protest and Appeal of Rev. James Mackenzie, David Tasker, and John Reid, jun., with reasons for the same, were read. On parties being called there appeared the Rev. James Mackenzie for the Appellants, and the Revs. J. B. Meharry and Richard Leitch, on behalf of the Presbytery. The Rev. James Craig also was present.

The Rev. James Mackenzie was heard on behalf of the Appellants.

At the close of his speech, it was moved and seconded, that the Commission do now adjourn ; it was also moved and seconded that the

Commission proceed to hear the Respondents, when the latter was carried.

The Rev. J. B. Meharry was heard in defence of the decision of the Presbytery.

During the speech it was found necessary to have the Session Records of the Congregation at Blyth, and the Commission order the said Records to be laid on the table on Tuesday morning.

At this point the Commission adjourned to meet in the same place on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, which being announced,

The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

D. FRASER, *Moderator*.

JAMES MUIR, *Clerk*.

At London and within the College Buildings, Queen's Square, the Eighteenth day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-six Years, at 10 o'clock A.M., the Commission of Synod on the Appeal and Complaint against the judgment of the Presbytery of Newcastle in a case of discipline with reference to the Rev. James Craig, of Blyth, resumed its sittings.

The Rev. Donald Fraser, D.D., Moderator *pro tempore*, who constituted the meeting with prayer.

On the roll being called there were present, the Revs. Drs. Fraser, Dykes, Edmond, Muir, the Revs. Messrs. Lundie, McGaw, Hutton, Cowan, Mellis, *Ministers*; and Dr. Leone Levi, Messrs. Douglas, Matheson, Duncan, Muir Leitch, Macdonald, and Turnbull, *Elders*.

Excuses for absence were received from the Rev. Charles Moinet and Mr. G. B. Blair, which were sustained.

The parties in the case were present—the Rev. James Mackenzie and Rev. David Tasker for the Appellants; and the Rev. J. B. Meharry and the Rev. Richard Leitch, on behalf of the Presbytery of Newcastle. The Rev. James Craig also was present.

The Minute of the Meeting of the Commission on Monday, the 17th inst., was read, confirmed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

In compliance with the injunction of the Commission, the Rev. James Craig laid on the table the Session Records of his Church at Blyth.

At this point of the proceedings the Rev. David MacEwan, Moderator of the Synod, entered the Court, and took the chair, and explained the cause of his absence from the Meeting of the Commission on the previous evening.

By leave of the Respondents the Court allowed the Rev. David Tasker to speak on behalf of the Appellants. Mr. Tasker then addressed the Court.

The Rev. Richard Leitch then addressed the Court on behalf of the Presbytery. The pleadings on both sides being concluded, before questions were allowed to be put to the parties at the bar, or the Appellants were heard in reply, and before proceeding to judgment in the case, the

Rev. James Craig was allowed to speak on his own behalf, and he did so at great length.

During his speech he called attention to the correction of a word which he said ought to be made in the MS. and printed reported evidence which he (Rev. James Craig) gave before the Petty Sessions at Blyth, October 13, 1885, viz., at page 32, line 9, of the printed evidence, the word 'grateful' ought to be 'careful.' The Appellants allowed that this was the word that was used in the said Court.

The Court adjourned at a quarter before 2 P.M., to meet again same afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

The same place, at 3 o'clock P.M., the Court resumed its sittings, Dr. MacEwan in the chair, who opened with prayer. The Sederunt was the same as at the morning sitting, and all parties were present.

The Rev. James Mackenzie was heard in reply, on behalf of the Appellants; and *ex gratiâ* the Rev. James Craig was allowed to reply on his own behalf.

Questions were then put to the parties. The Rev. James Craig was asked if he still adhered to his declaration of innocence of the charge brought against him, when he said: 'I positively deny that I am guilty of the offence alleged to have been committed by me against Lydia Wilkinson in the month of August, 1884, or November, 1884.'

Parties were then removed from the bar, and the Commission continued its sittings till a quarter to 6. The Commission rose for a quarter of an hour for tea, still remaining constituted, and resumed at 6 o'clock, and resolved itself into a Conference. The Rev. R. H. Lundie offered prayer for Divine guidance.

After long and careful Conference, extending over three or four hours, the Commission resumed, when the following finding was moved by the Rev. Dr. Fraser and seconded by Mr. George Duncan, and unanimously adopted:—

'The Commission being unanimously of opinion that, on the evidence before them, Mr. Craig is not guilty of the charges preferred, therefore sustains so much of the finding of the Presbytery as declares the libel "not proven on either count," removes the suspension and restores him to the functions of his office. Further, sustains the protest and appeal as against the remainder of the Presbytery's judgment; but, considering that the evidence shows Mr. Craig to have committed grave indiscretions in various matters, instructs the Moderator to admonish him to greater carefulness in future.

'Further, having respect to the fact that the Courts of Petty and Quarter Sessions, on evidence less full and complete than has been before this Court, have given judgment against Mr. Craig, as well as to the effect which such judgment is fitted to produce on the public mind, resolves in the interests of his future usefulness at Blyth, and the welfare of his flock, to send a Delegation from this Commission, in order to announce this decision and explain its meaning and force.'

Parties were then called. The Moderator announced to them the finding of the Commission, and admonished Mr. Craig in terms thereof. Dr. Edmond then engaged in prayer.

The Revs. the Moderator, Dr. MacEwan and Rev. R. H. Lundie, *Ministers*; and Thomas Matheson and Charles Macdonald, *Elders*; were appointed the Delegation to visit Blyth in terms of the finding come to. The Rev. R. H. Lundie to preach at Blyth on Sunday, the 30th of May; to attend a meeting of the Congregation on Monday, the 31st of May, at half-past 7 o'clock P.M., and to report to this Commission, hereby summoned to meet in the College Buildings, Queen's Square, London, on Monday, the 19th day of July, at 5 o'clock P.M.

The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

DAVID MACEWAN, *Moderator*.

R. T. TURNBULL, *Clerk (pro tem.)*.

At London, and within the College Buildings, Queen's Square, the Nineteenth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-six Years, at five o'clock P.M., the Commission of Synod on the Appeal and Complaint against the Judgment of the Presbytery of Newcastle, in a case of discipline with reference to the Rev. James Craig, of Blyth, again met in terms of the last Minute.

The Rev. David MacEwan, Moderator of the Synod, presided, and constituted the meeting with prayer.

There were present, the Moderator, Revs. Drs. Edmond, Dykes, and Fraser, the Revs. Messrs. Lundie, McGaw, Mellis, and Cowan, *Ministers*; and Dr. Levi, Messrs. Morton, Douglas, and Turnbull, *Elders*.

A letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Muir, apologising for his absence.

Mr. Turnbull was asked to act as Clerk, *pro tempore*.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and sustained.

The Moderator and Mr. Lundie, the only members present of the Delegation appointed to visit Blyth, reported that they and Mr. Macdonald had gone to Blyth; that Mr. Lundie had preached on Sunday, the 30th of May, morning and evening; that at a Meeting of the Congregation, held the following evening, they had carried out the duty imposed on them, by announcing and explaining the decision of the Commission; and that they also had interviews with the Elders and Managers of the Congregation.

The cordial thanks of the Commission were given to the Moderator, and to Messrs. Lundie and Macdonald, for the manner in which they had discharged the duty entrusted to them.

It was resolved that the Minutes of this Commission be forwarded to the Clerk of the Synod, to be laid before the Synod at its next Meeting, to be held at Manchester, on the last Monday in April, 1887.

The above Minutes were read and sustained.

The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

DAVID MACEWAN, *Moderator*.

R. T. TURNBULL, *Clerk (pro tem.)*.

XXII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
CHURCH'S RELATION TO THE WESTMIN-
STER CONFSSION OF FAITH,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE Committee have been travelling since last Synod in the lines then laid down. They were instructed (1) To continue the preparation of the Compendium of Doctrine, (2) To ascertain the mind of the Presbyteries and Sessions of the Church as to the advisability of an immediate adoption of the Declaratory Statement (of which the Synod expressed its 'entire and cordial approval'), (3) To obtain the opinion of Counsel on the legal bearings of the adoption of the Declaratory Statement (if the Church should take that step) on Trust Deeds under which Church property is held, as well as on the money investments on behoof of the various funds of the Church, and (4) To consider what changes the adoption of the Declaratory Statement would necessitate in the Formulas to which officers of the Church give their assent at Ordination. On all these matters the Committee have now to report.

I. *The Compendium of Fundamental Doctrine.*—The Committee hope that the Synod, like last year's Synod, will accept their judgment as to the undesirableness of presenting to the Church in instalments such a Compendium as is on hand. To produce a part of it would only cause premature discussion, and would, the Committee feel, be unjust to themselves. Before they become responsible even for the earlier portions of it, they intend to give to each article a careful revision in the light of all the others. The Church will not be the less hopeful of the ultimate usefulness of the Compendium that its progress is somewhat slow. It has occupied much the largest share of the Committee's time and thought, having been under consideration during the greater part of two long sederunts at each of their three meetings, while the sub-Committee to which has been entrusted the preparation of the first draft of the Articles has devoted great care and labour to this task, and has met many times during the year. In last year's report it was stated that the revision of the draft Articles had reached the end of the fifth. There have now been provisionally adopted seven additional Articles—that is to say, out of twenty-two or twenty-three Articles which it is proposed the

Compendium shall contain, twelve have passed the Committee—though none have yet received their final adjustment.

II. *The suggested Modification of the Formulas.*—If the Church should adopt the Declaratory Statement of which last Synod approved it would obviously be necessary to modify the present Formulas. These are as follows :—

The Formula for Ministers and Licentiates :—‘ Do you sincerely receive and adopt the doctrine of the Westminster Confession of Faith, as in accordance with the teaching of Holy Scripture; and do you consent to the said Confession as the Standard by which your teaching in this Church shall be judged; it being understood, in reference to the teaching of the Confession of Faith regarding the duty of Civil Rulers, that, while holding the subjection of such rulers, in their own province, to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, you are not required to accept anything in that document which favours, or may be regarded as favouring, intolerance or persecution? ’

The Formula for Elders :—The same as that for Ministers and Licentiates, except that it substitutes ‘ the public teaching within this Church ’ for ‘ your teaching in this Church. ’

The Formula for Deacons :—‘ Do you sincerely receive and adopt, as in accordance with Holy Scripture, the system of Evangelical doctrine taught in this Church, and contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith? ’

The Committee unanimously recommend that in the event of the adoption of the Declaratory Statement, the Formulas stand thus :—

The Formula for Ministers and Licentiates :—‘ Do you sincerely receive and adopt, as in accordance with the teaching of Holy Scripture, the doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith, as the said Confession is understood and accepted by this Church in conformity with the Declaratory Act of 1887; and do you consent to the said Confession as the Standard by which your teaching in this Church shall be judged? ’

The Formula for Elders would be, as at present, the same as that for Ministers and Licentiates, except for the substitution of ‘ the public teaching within this Church ’ for ‘ your teaching in this Church. ’

The Formula for Deacons :—‘ Do you sincerely receive and adopt, as in accordance with Holy Scripture, the system of Evangelical doctrine taught in this Church? ’

It will be observed that the proposal made two years ago to read ‘ system of doctrine ’ instead of ‘ doctrine, ’ in the Formulas for Ministers, Licentiates and Elders, is not revived. The proposal did not then seem to meet with general approval; and it is felt that, in view of the large freedom granted on minor points by the last clause of the Declaratory Statement, it is not essential to relax the reference in the Formulas to the ‘ Doctrine of the Confession, ’ especially if to refrain from raising this question again may spare the Church some controversy.

On a comparison of the 4th clause of the Declaratory Statement with the amended Formulas for Ministers, Licentiates, and Elders, the reason of the omission from the Formulas of the time-honoured repudiation of ‘ intolerance or persecution ’ as contained or supposed to be contained in certain chapters of the Confession, will be at once apparent. The clause in the Formulas by which this repudiation was effected has been transferred *verbatim et literatim* to the Declaratory Statement,

where it will be quite as much in the view of the Officers of the Church as at present, and occupy a much less awkward place. It is needless to say that the change of position of these words indicates no diminution of the strength with which it is meant henceforth as in the past to dissociate the Church from all suspicion that it approves of any interference on the part of the State with the rights of conscience.

The Formula for Deacons could not have continued to refer to the Confession of Faith without also containing the proposed acceptance of the Declaratory Statement. It is believed that it will be universally felt to be quite needless so to complicate this Formula; and that in ordaining Deacons it will be enough to ask from them a general agreement with the well-known type of teaching usually known as 'Evangelical.' In that view it is proposed that this Formula be shortened and simplified as above.

III. *The opinions of Presbyteries and Sessions regarding the desirability of an immediate adoption of the Declaratory Statement.*

(1) The Presbyteries without exception have agreed that it ought to be adopted: *Berwick*, with two dissentients; *Birmingham*, unanimously; *Bristol*, unanimously (a minority, however, wishing to have clause 2 more clearly defined); *Carlisle*, unanimously; *Darlington*, with one dissentient; *Liverpool*, unanimously; *London*, with one dissentient; *Manchester*, by eight against five; *Newcastle*, unanimously; *Northumberland*, unanimously.

(2) A hundred and sixty-four Sessions have intimated their opinions: 131 in favour of the immediate adoption of the Statement; nine against its adoption; and twenty-four in favour of its adoption with certain amendments. The amendments craved are as follows: *Crookham*; *Bristol*; *Grimsby*; *Holderness Road, Hull*; *Wood Green, London*; and *Blackett Street, Newcastle*, object to the phrase at the end of clause 2—'the existence and value of the natural virtues.' *Harrington*; *High Street, Whitehaven*; *Chester*; *Belgrave, London*; *Westbourne Grove, London*; *Totton, Southampton*; *Howard Street, North Shields*; *Victoria Docks, London*, ask for a definition of the phrase 'the substance of the faith' in clause 5, or for the omission of the clause. *Reading* asks some changes in the preamble. *Notting Hill, London*, objects to clause 3, if it is meant to allow 'a post-mortem salvation.' *Highbury, London*, asks that it be ruled that, in the event of a case of discipline arising under clause 5, the accused shall be suspended from office during trial; and further, that in clause 1, subsection (1st), there be omitted the words 'by the gift of His Son to be a propitiation for the whole world;' *Regent Square, London*, asks the omission in clause 1, subsection (1st), of the words 'to be a propitiation for the whole world;' *Trinity, Newcastle*, asks that clause 1, subsection (1st), stand thus: 'That the love of God to mankind moved Him to provide, by the perfect obedience of His Son, a way of salvation, which in His Gospel is freely offered to all;' and, further, that there be omitted the words 'favours or' in clause 4, and the whole of clause 5; and *Brockley, London*, besides suggesting changes in clauses 4 and 5, asks that clause 1, subsection (1st), stand thus: 'That the love of God to mankind moved Him to provide, through the redemption [or propitiation] of His Son, a salvation,' &c.; *Queen's Road, Brighton*, does not object to the Declaratory Statement, if in the judgment of the Synod it is required; *Camp Hill, Birmingham*, asks amendment of 3rd subsection of clause 1; *Egremont* asks omission of 'it is certain that' in clause 3; and *Withington* hopes that 'a few verbal alterations may be made in the line of the suggestions of the Manchester Presbytery last year.' The Sessions which

disapprove of the adoption of the Statement are *Horncliffe, Tow Law, Camden Road (London), Silvertown (London), Pendleton, Salford, Trinity (Manchester), Widdrington, and Prospect Street (Hull).*

It will be a convenience to the Synod to reprint here the Declaratory Statement as 'approved' by last Synod.

DECLARATORY STATEMENT.

Whereas this Church has ever acknowledged the canonical books of Holy Scripture to be her sole Supreme Standard, to which the Westminster Confession of Faith is to be regarded as subordinate ;

Whereas every endeavour to set forth in the form of a Creed the truth taught in Holy Scripture must be at the best imperfect; and

Whereas every such Creed is liable to become less adequate to express the Church's faith, through that fuller and clearer apprehension of His revealed truth which it pleases God from time to time to grant unto His Church ;

Therefore it has seemed good and needful to this Church in Synod assembled, for the better exhibition of her belief on certain points, to declare as follows :—

1. That the Doctrine of Redemption set forth in the Westminster Confession, particularly in its reference to the election of some among mankind to eternal life, is held and taught in this Church, together with other great truths which are vital to the Gospel, such as :—

(1st) That the love of God to mankind moved Him to provide, by the gift of His Son to be a propitiation for the whole world, a way of salvation which in His Gospel is freely offered to all ;

(2nd) That God has no pleasure in the death of any sinner, but desires that all should repent and live ; and

(3rd) That every man who hears the Gospel is responsible for his acceptance or rejection of its free offer of eternal life.

2. That the teaching of the Confession on the subject of man's total depravity since the Fall is not to be understood as denying his responsibility both under the Law and under the Gospel, or the existence and value of the natural virtues.

3. That while the duty of proclaiming the Gospel to all men is clear and imperative, and while the proclamation of the Gospel is the ordinary means of salvation for all who are capable of being called thereby ; and while it is certain that no one is saved except through the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the working of the Holy Spirit: Yet it does not follow, nor is it required to be held, either that any who die in infancy are lost, or that God may not extend His mercy to those who are beyond the reach of the ordinary means of salvation, as it may seem good in His sight.

4. That with reference to the teaching of the Confession regarding the duty of Civil Rulers, this Church, while holding that such rulers are subject in their own province to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, does not accept anything in that document which favours, or may be regarded as favouring, intolerance or persecution.

5. That liberty of opinion is recognised in this Church on such points in the Confession as do not enter into the substance of the Faith : the Church retaining full authority to determine in any case which may arise what points fall within this description, as well as to guard against any abuse of this liberty to the injury of her unity and peace.

It is, no doubt, a matter of regret that nearly 130 sessions have not responded to the invitation addressed to them by last Synod to express their opinion on this important question, but taking into account the overwhelming preponderance of opinion in favour of the adoption of the Statement amongst the Sessions which have answered the Synod's remit, it may fairly be taken for granted that in most cases silence implies either consent or, at least, the absence of any strong desire that the proposal be abandoned.

It was not understood that Sessions were asked to consider whether or not the Statement could be altered, so as better to fit it for its intended use; but it would be unwise, on a mere point of order, to put aside without examination amendments suggested by a number of important Sessions. Many of these returns have, however, been sent in only very recently; and it has not as yet been found possible to consider whether any of the desired modifications might be accepted as improvements, or at least as changes which do not deprive the Statement of any part of its importance and value.

IV. *The opinion of Counsel as to the legal bearings of the proposed adoption of the Declaratory Statement.*—Early in the year a sub-committee (Dr. Edmond, Convener) was appointed to procure information as to the nature of the trusts under which Church property and investments for Synodical Funds are held, and to prepare the case for Counsel. That Committee addressed all the Presbyteries of the Church, requesting their help in the procuring of full information as to the trust deeds of churches, manses, &c., within their respective bounds. Valuable assistance was given by Mr. Black in the inquiry as to the character of the trusts under which sums of money are invested on behoof of Church funds. The returns obtained are far from complete, and apart from the present purpose it may probably be of interest and importance that this Committee in conjunction with the Law and Historical Committee should complete the investigation, and lay a full report before a future Synod. The returns now in the hands of the Committee may be summarised thus:—

(1) The various investments for the benefit of different schemes of the Church (college endowments, Barbour chair, scholarship funds, Muter fund, &c.) are held under Deeds of which one may be quoted from as a fair example of all: 'For the benefit of the College of the Presbyterian Church in England as the same is now constituted and carried on, or as the same may be constituted and carried on in the event of any union of the said Presbyterian Church in England with any other Ecclesiastical body or bodies.' These Deeds say nothing as to doctrines which require to be taught within the Church, or standards of doctrine to which the Church must adhere.

(2) Besides many individual forms of Trust Deeds, three chief types of deed have been used by our Congregations—the so-called 'Newcastle Deed' of 1846-47 (modified by several subsequent Synods, but not as to its doctrinal clause), largely in use in the former Presbyterian Church in England; Mr. Chartres' Deed of 1872, used by a number of Congregations of the former English Synod of the United Presbyterian Church; and the 'Model Deed' of 1879, largely used since the Union. Of the

Trust Deeds which have been reported upon to the Committee, sixty-six follow wholly, or without material change, the 'Newcastle Deed' (any modifications made having no bearing on the question now raised); seventy-nine follow the 'Model Deed' of 1879; eighteen follow wholly or in substance 'Mr. Chartres' Deed' of 1872 (here, also, the modifications, if any, not affecting the present question); thirty-seven have no doctrinal limitation, or only such a condition as that the Church is for the use of a congregation of 'Protestant Dissenters,' or of 'Presbyterians,' or of 'Trinitarian Presbyterians;' four say that the ministers must hold the doctrinal articles of the Church of England; six require the congregations to hold the 'principles of the United Presbyterian Church;' eleven require the congregations to belong to the United Presbyterian Church; five bind the property to the English Presbyterian Church; two to the Presbyterian Church of England; three to the Church of Scotland; in seven cases there are no Trust Deeds; four congregations have no property; one church is only rented; eight Deeds name the Confession of Faith or the Catechisms, or the Confession and the Catechisms, as containing the doctrines to which the Church must adhere; and one Deed names certain doctrines which must be held ('the fall, . . . justification by faith, . . . regeneration and sanctification by the Holy Spirit'). There remain about forty Churches as to which no report has been rendered; of which, probably, as many as twenty have either the 'Model Deed' of 1879, or the 'Newcastle Deed.' It is also possible that in some few cases the returns may prove to have been inaccurate, while some of those classed under the 'Model Deed' of 1879 are only now having their Deeds prepared. But it is believed that the foregoing figures give a fairly correct account of the conditions under which our Church property is held and used.

It appeared to the Sub-Committee that it was not desirable to complicate the case submitted to Counsel by requesting an opinion on the legal bearing of the adoption of the Declaratory Statement in the many instances in which some individual variety of Trust Deed has been used.

The only question on which an opinion was deemed necessary was as to the effect of such a step on property held under one or other of the three leading Deeds above referred to.

The Committee employed Messrs. Munns and Longden to prepare the case for Counsel. The case contained all the relevant documents, such as the Declaratory Statement, the Westminster Standards (the chapters in the Confession of Faith bearing on the clauses of the Declaratory Statement being pointed out as a guide to Counsel), the present Formulas, the Formulas as it is proposed to amend them, the Basis of Union of the United Presbyterian Church (1847), the Summary of Principles of the United Presbyterian Church, the Basis of Union of the Presbyterian Church of England (1876), the three Model Trust Deeds named above, and a Summary of the Returns (so far as they had been received when the case was made up) of the Churches held under any one of the Model Deeds as well as those held under other trusts (as given above).

In the light of these documents, Counsel were asked:—

(i.) Whether the adoption of the Declaratory Statement would

invalidate the Church's title to any of her property held under any one of the Model Trust Deeds.

(ii.) In the event of Counsel being of opinion that the adoption of the Declaratory Statement would endanger the Church's title to any of her property, would he indicate (a) Under which of the chief types of Trust Deed the danger would arise? (b) Whether the danger arises [1] from the Preamble or from any clause or clauses of the Declaratory Statement, or [2] from the terms in which in the proposed Formulas, Ministers, Licentiates, and Elders will express their acceptance of that Statement?

Two gentlemen were consulted, Dr. Jeune and Mr. Charles, both of whom have large experience in questions of ecclesiastical law. Their opinion has been delivered; but so shortly before the last meeting of the Committee that it was impossible to discuss it at that meeting. It is a careful and full opinion, and deserves deliberate consideration.

In view of all the facts now reported to the Synod, the Committee humbly recommend:—

1. That the Synod express its satisfaction at the large amount of acceptance with which the Declaratory Statement has been received throughout the Church, as indicated by the approval of all the Presbyteries, and of 131 out of the 164 Sessions which have reported to the Committee.

2. That, having regard (a) to the modifications in the form of the document suggested by as many as 24 Sessions, some of them large and influential; (b) to the fact that the opinion of Counsel on the legal bearings of its adoption, only reached the Committee at its March meeting, and, therefore, has not yet been considered; and (c) to the fact that the Committee hope in one year—or at most two years—to present to the Synod the complete draft of a Compendium of Doctrine, thereby finishing the work entrusted to it; the Synod do not at this stage formally adopt the Declaratory Statement, or give it legal force by modifying the Formulas for office-bearers in accordance with it, but remit the matter to the Committee for further consideration.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,
Convener.

XXIII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE instruction given to this Committee by last Synod was 'to proceed with due care and deliberation in the direction of revising the Westminster Directory and preparing forms or specimens of services adapted to special occasions.'

The first step taken by the Committee was to issue a circular letter to the Ministers of the Church, asking for information in regard to the Order of Service presently in use in each Congregation, and the printed forms which have been found helpful on such occasions as marriages and burials. Of the schedules furnished for reply, 200 were returned to the Secretary of the Committee. It would have been of advantage to have obtained a more complete response to the enquiry; but the information is sufficiently full and varied to exhibit the main points and diversities of existing practice.

The following abstract will be found interesting and valuable, as it is the first occasion on which facts of this description have been laid before the Synod.

I. AS TO STATED ORDER OF SERVICE.

It is difficult to ascertain whether any principle regulates the arrangement of the Service, as the subject-matter of the prayers is not generally stated. In two-thirds of the reporting Congregations, the Morning Service opens with prayer, and in about the same number the Evening Service with praise. In only two Congregations does the Morning Service begin with the reading of one or more verses of Scripture. In all but thirty, two portions of Scripture are read during Morning Service, but the practice is not so general in the evening. In 118 Congregations the Lord's Prayer is used at one or other of the Services. Probably it is used in a considerably larger number, though this is not specially stated.

The Creed is not repeated at any of our ordinary Sunday Services.

II. BAPTISM.

As a rule Baptism is administered after the sermon, which is usually followed by a hymn or short prayer. In only seven Congregations is it administered previous to the sermon. The Order of the Service varies as

much as its limits allow, and no special Order can be said to be generally adopted. The proportion of Baptisms in private houses is as follows:—

In 50 Congregations more than 50 per cent.

„ 27	„	about	50	„	
„ 18	„	less than	50	„	but more than 25 per cent.
„ 27	„	„	25	„	

These are all the Congregations whose returns are sufficiently definite on this point to admit of their being formally tabulated. It should be remembered, however, that in many of these cases (and this is true especially of Congregations in country districts), Baptism, though administered in a private house, yet forms part of what is to all intents and purposes a public Service.

III. THE LORD'S SUPPER.

1. The following table will show how frequently the Sacrament is administered annually in 195 Congregations:—

No. of times Administered	No. of Congregations	No. of times Administered	No. of Congregations
24	1	6	34
12	22	5	2
10	1	4	89
9	1	3	28
8	5	2	10
7	2		

2. As in the case of Baptisms, the Order observed in the administration of the Lord's Supper shows numerous though slight variations. In a very few instances the Apostles' Creed is used, and as a rule a short address is given from the Communion table.

3. Not quite half of the Ministers have special classes for the training of non-communicants. The general practice seems to be that the Minister either deals with each candidate for Communion separately, or avails himself of his ordinary Bible Class as a means of imparting instruction with reference to the Sacrament of the Supper.

In about one Congregation in seven, Catechumens are publicly received into the Fellowship of the Church at the week-evening service preparatory to Communion. In one out of five they are received by the Session at a special meeting for the purpose, at which a short service appropriate to the occasion is held. In the majority of cases the names of non-communicants are simply added to the roll by the Session on the recommendation of the Minister.

IV. PRINTED FORMS.

It is well to observe the precise terms of the question contained in the schedule under this head. They are as follows:—

‘Have you found it advisable and profitable to take assistance or guidance for *printed* forms in the administration of Sacraments or in special Services?’

It will be obvious from this that the use of forms alluded to here does not imply their adoption *in toto*, but only that they are referred to for suggestion and aid. At the same time the use of them even to this extent will indicate a want which our Church has not hitherto supplied. That this

want is largely felt, appears from the fact that half of our Ministers who report under this head are more or less indebted to printed forms. In the great majority of cases these forms are called into requisition for Marriage or Burial Services. In a few cases, however, about 12 per cent., they are also used in the administration of the Sacraments and the admission of Catechumens. The forms referred to in the schedules as used by the Ministers of the Church number altogether twenty-four.

It may be added that in one instance the Minister uses the Westminster Directory in the Baptismal Service.

The returns laid before the Committee deepened their sense of the necessity and importance of the work entrusted to them. They therefore appointed a sub-committee of their number to proceed with the examination of the Westminster Directory, and to report on the abridgments and modifications which may adapt it to the condition and wants of the Church at the present day. In this study the Sub-Committee have made some progress; but their results have not yet been reported to, or revised by, the Committee, and, therefore, are not in a condition to be submitted to the eye of the Synod. It may be enough for the present to state the conviction of the Sub-Committee that, while a revision of the Directory, to be really useful, must be thorough, it may be accomplished without any violation of the spirit and intention of that document, and may preserve, not only its general scope, but even a good deal of its distinctive language.

Indeed, the object which this Committee desires to keep steadily in view can hardly be better expressed than in the following quotation from the Preface to the Directory:—

Our meaning herein is, that the general heads, the sense and scope of the prayers and other parts of public worship being known to all, there may be a consent of all the Churches in those things that contain the substance of the service and worship of God; and the Ministers may be hereby directed in their administrations, to keep like soundness in doctrine and prayer, and may, if need be, have some help and furniture, and yet, so as they become not hereby slothful and negligent in stirring up the gifts of Christ in them; but that each one by meditation, by taking heed to himself and the flock of God committed to him, and by wisely observing the ways of Divine Providence, may be careful to furnish his heart and tongue with further or other materials of prayer and exhortation, as shall be needful upon all occasions.

The initial steps, in such a work of revision and adaptation as is now contemplated, require the most deliberate consideration. Everything may depend on the right cue being given, or the right chord struck. The Committee therefore hope that they will not be censured for tardiness; and humbly recommend that they be re-appointed, with some addition to their number, and under the same instructions as before.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee.

DONALD FRASER,

Convener.

XXIV.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE COUNCIL OF
THE FEDERATED CHURCHES,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE Council held its fourth meeting, as appointed by the two Synods represented, in Blackett Street Church, Newcastle, on November 30 last, and was attended by twenty-one delegates from this Church, and eleven from the United Presbyterian Church. The writer of this report regrets that he was himself unable to be present on account of a painful bereavement, in regard to which the Council was pleased to express its sympathy.

The first hour of the meeting was devoted to business, the Rev. Alexander H. McLean, of Glasgow, presiding. The following matters came before the Council:—

1. The Findings of this Synod and of its Home Mission Committee on the subject of Evangelistic Agencies in operation without the Church, as recorded at p. 366 of the Blue Book for 1884, and p. 747 of that for 1885, which were laid on the table but not discussed.

2. The Findings of the two Synods in regard to the Spittal cases, which were also laid on the table, and with which the Council expressed satisfaction.

3. The arrangements made for united action in the Jewish Mission at Morocco, with which the Council also expressed satisfaction.

4. The negotiations at present being conducted between this Church and the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists and the Free Church of Scotland, with a view to the establishment of closer relations.

5. The consideration of the arrangements for next meeting of the Council, which it was agreed to suggest should be held at Edinburgh in October, 1889, as the Committee on Business may deem most appropriate: the Revs. Drs. George Jeffrey and Robert S. Scott, James Buchanan, John Smith and Mr. William Nairn, from the United Presbyterian Church; and the Revs. R. H. Lundie, John Thompson and John Black, with Messrs. Thomas Bell and Robert Amos from this Church, being nominated as the joint Committee on Business; Dr. Scott and Mr. Black Conveners of the respective sections of the Committee.

These business matters having been disposed of, Mr. McLean vacated the chair, which was taken by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, when the following papers were read, with discussion on each, viz.:—

1. By Mr. Thomas Bell, on 'The Synodical Oversight of Congregations.'

2. By the Rev. W. Ainslie Walton, on 'Ten Years of the United Church in England.'

3. By the Rev. Dr. Cairns, read in his necessary absence by Dr. Scott, on 'The relations of the Church to Christian Work, and especially to such work beyond its own organisations.'

4. By the Rev. Peter Wilson, on 'The Synodical Oversight of the Young.'

This completed the proper business of the Council; but in the evening a public meeting was held in Trinity Church, at which addresses were given:—

1. By the Rev. Alexander H. Drysdale, on 'Landmarks in the History of the Presbyterian Church in Great Britain.'

2. By the Rev. J. C. Baxter, D.D., on 'The most efficient mode of supporting Christian Ordinances.'

3. By the Rev. Richard Lietch, on 'The Church's duty to our large populations.'

4. By the Rev. William Blair, D.D., on 'The reflex influence of Christian Missions.'

The general impression left on the mind of the Delegates was that the Council had proved a real success, and that such meetings are likely to prove extremely useful—both because of their local influence and by their bringing into close and brotherly association and conference brethren from the two Churches which stand to each other in such intimate relations.

DAVID MACEWAN,
Convener.

XXV.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH
CONGREGATIONAL UNION,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

THE Committee regretted to find that the difficulty which rose a few years ago regarding the Church property at Tooting had taken the form of a law suit which, though not directly involving any of the Courts of this Church, could not but wear the aspect of a strife at law between Congregationalists and Presbyterians. Some advantage, no doubt, might accrue from a judicial decision on the historical claims of this Church, which have been challenged in the pleadings. But the Committee believed that they represented the mind of the Church in preferring a friendly adjustment of this particular case in the interest of inter-denominational friendship and peace. Accordingly they embraced an opportunity which was opened to them at the instance of the Rev. Dr. Dale in the month of November, to confer with certain leading and official Congregational brethren on the Tooting case. The Committee was represented at the Conference by the Convener, the Rev. Dr. Dykes, and Mr. G. B. Bruce. On that occasion an agreement was arrived at, which the Committee afterwards approved. It was to the effect that the action at law should be withdrawn, and the moneys accruing from local endowments which have been withheld from the Rev. Dr. Anderson shall be paid over to him on condition that in consideration of the disputed ownership of the property, a sum of money be paid in behalf of this Church to the London Congregational Union—which sum should be fixed by arbitration. Mr. Bruce on the Presbyterian side, and Mr. Albert Spicer on the Congregational, were appointed Arbitrators, with power to name an Umpire. These gentlemen, being unable to agree on terms, appointed an Umpire, Edward N. Buxton, Esq., late Chairman of the School Board for London, a member of the Church of England. The award thus arrived at is as follows:—

TOOTING CHAPEL.

The question set forth in the documents laid before us having been considered, we hereby award as follows:—

1. That on the assumption that the Charity Commissioners, on the application of the Presbyterian Synod supported by the London Congregational Union, can and do arrange a scheme for the future adminis-

tration of 'the income from the endowments, the possession and use of the Chapel and Manse, so as to secure these to Presbyterians alone, without dissent in all time coming.'

2. That estimating the value of the property, viz., Chapel, Manse, and Endowments, at two thousand pounds (£2,000), the half of the amount (£1,000) be paid to the London Congregational Union, to be applied by them to the erection of a Church in the South-West District of London after paying their legal expenses.

3. That the present accrued interests of the Endowments, not paid over by the Trustees, be handed over to the London Presbytery, to be applied towards payment of the stipend of the Minister.

4. That the present action be discontinued, and all further claims on behalf of Congregationalists be abandoned, whether to the Chapel, Manse, or Endowments.

5. That the present Trustees retire from the Trust, and fresh ones be appointed on the nomination of the London Presbytery.

6. But in the event of the Charity Commissioners being unable or unwilling to grant such a title as referred to in the foregoing first clause, the sum to be paid the London Congregational Union be £500 in lieu of £1,000.

(Signed) E. N. BUXTON,
GEORGE B. BRUCE,
ALBERT SPICER.

April 21, 1887.

It was also agreed at the Conference above-mentioned, and it is now recommended by the Committee, that in view of the withdrawal of the suit at law on the basis above detailed, this Synod should pass a resolution in the following terms, and communicate the same to the Congregational Union of England and Wales :—

That the Synod having heard with satisfaction that the matter in dispute with regard to the Defoe Church, Tooting, has been determined by a friendly settlement, 'desires to convey to the Congregational Union an assurance that it has no wish for the transfer to the Presbyterian Church or Chapel property which has been in the possession of Congregationalists for any considerable period, even though it may be held under title deeds that might bear an interpretation in favour of the original Presbyterian destination of the trust, and, should any grave difference of opinion arise in any case, the Synod expresses its judgment that a settlement should be arrived at by friendly arbitration.'

Submitted in behalf of the Committee,

D. FRASER, *Convener*.

XXVI.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1887.

ALTHOUGH moral facts are less capable of being statistically enumerated than facts of an economical or social character, it is, nevertheless, the privilege of the Church, as an organization for the spiritual and moral improvement of the people, to record both the agencies it is enabled to use, and such results of its labours as may come under its observation, at least in its collective capacity, from acts of zeal and beneficence on the part of its members. Moral improvement is an important factor in the progress of Society, and the Church performs a most essential service when it takes a full account of the forces it possesses for combating the counterforces which tend to moral deterioration. The Presbyterian Church has, for the last twenty-one years, published all the facts it possesses, and it were much to be desired that other Churches, larger and more fully equipped, would supply materials of the same nature for study and comparison. Who, better than the Church, can say whether, and how far, good is gradually overcoming evil? It is well, as far as we can, to test by results the effectiveness of our labours. It may be that encouragement will be derived from sources from which it was little anticipated.

CONGREGATIONAL.

NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS.

The Presbyterian Church of England consisted in 1886 of 286 Congregations and 61,781 Communicants, giving an average of 216 each. In 1876 the Church had 258 Congregations, with 50,739 Communicants, giving an average of 196 each. Since the Union the Church has formed 28 more Congregations, and its Congregations are numerically stronger.

BUILDINGS.

Most of our Congregations have large and commodious buildings, and many have also schools and manses, freeholds and leaseholds, and they are insured for the collective amount of £940,000. But there are debts upon them amounting, in all, to £93,266 on Churches, and £9,673 on manses, making in all £102,939, against £108,310 in 1885.

SITTINGS AVAILABLE AND LET.

The proportion of sittings let to those available is not an absolute test of the use made of our churches, nevertheless it indicates to a large extent the demand for church accommodation. Even excluding the churches where the sittings are free, the proportion of sittings let has been diminishing—partly as the result of the shifting of population,

and partly from other causes, general and local. The facts are as follows :—

Year	Sittings available	Sittings to let after deducting those free	Sittings let	Percentage of Sittings let to Number available	Percentage of Sittings let to Number to let	Amount of seat rent
1881	141,903	126,494	62,998	44.39	49.80	39,603
1882	142,994	127,905	63,554	44.44	49.75	41,258
1883	143,106	129,825	63,349	44.27	48.80	40,830
1884	145,320	129,220	63,349	43.49	48.97	40,173
1885	146,773	133,204	63,167	43.03	47.42	40,824
1886	146,742	130,538	61,775	42.10	47.32	40,326

OFFICE-BEARERS.

The number of Office-bearers has increased as follows, but in proportion to the number of Communicants there has been no increase, whilst the number of Deacons shows a constant decrease.

Years	Elders	Deacons	Managers	Total
1881	1,593	610	2,164	4,367
1882	1,633	642	2,137	4,412
1883	1,615	603	2,176	4,394
1884	1,671	596	2,233	4,500
1885	1,712	592	2,304	4,608
1886	1,737	588	2,363	4,688

THE COLLEGE.

The number of Students attending the College during the last six years has been as follows :—

	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	Total
1881	8	5	6	19
1882	7	16	6	29
1883	10	7	10	27
1884	6	9	5	20
1885	5	7	12	24
1886	4	5	7	16

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following facts exhibit the working of our China Mission in 1876 and 1886.

	1876	1886
European Ordained Missionaries	12	16
Medical Missionaries	3	6
Missionary Teachers	—	2
Women's Association Missionaries	—	8
Native Evangelists	49	84
Students	27	46
Stations	66	100
Communicants	1,874	3,553

NUMBER OF COMMUNICANTS.

The best test of the increase of the Church is the increase of its Communicants, and the increase is satisfactory only in proportion as it keeps pace with the increase of population, and makes some inroad on the great masses outside the pale of the Church's influence. In England and Wales the increase of population is at the rate of 14 per cent. for ten years, or 1·4 per cent. per annum. What has been the annual increase of membership? The average increase in the number of Communicants has been of late 2·03 per cent. per annum. So far good. But whilst the proportion of increase from 'immigration' in the general population is comparatively small, that of Communicants with certificates, who are largely from Scotland and Ireland, is considerable. In 1886 the number was 4,113, or 53·3 per cent. of the whole. It should be remembered, moreover, that the Church has a large Home mission, and a considerable number of Sunday scholars, the fruit of which ought to be visible on the Communion Roll. The number admitted for the first time in 1886 was less than in 1885: viz. 3,600 against 4,171 in 1885; whilst the number lapsed, dead, and from other reasons removed from the roll was 3,569, against 3,724 in 1885. After deducting deaths, 2,780 names were so removed from the rolls. Some of these may have joined other churches without taking their certificates of membership. But of a very large proportion no account can be given.

	Number admitted for the first time	Number dead and lapsed	Number admitted by Certificate	Number removed by Certificate	Number on the Roll	Increase per cent.
1881	3,404	3,309	4,458	3,053	56,408	—
1882	3,342	3,498	4,438	3,183	57,402	1·76
1883	3,707	3,608	4,691	3,304	58,423	2·78
1884	3,959	3,613	4,685	3,208	59,690	2·16
1885	4,171	3,724	4,406	3,454	61,021	2·22
1886	3,600	3,569	4,113	2,890	61,781	1·24
Average	3,697	3,553	4,465	3,682	59,121	2·03

VISITORS, SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND OTHER BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

The outcome of the Church may be seen in the amount contributed for the various purposes which it contemplates, and in the manifold labours of love in which its members are engaged. The District Visitors go about as angels of mercy among the destitute and suffering; the ladies connected with the Dorcas Society make garments for the poor; the Sabbath School Teachers, whether working among the children of the congregation or among the children of a Mission District, not only teach the precious Word of God, but exhibit the operative effects of His love; the members of our Young Men's Societies knit together in bonds of mutual sympathy those who would be friend-

less, especially in the Metropolis and other large towns. The field of philanthropy is widening every year, and it is the bounden duty of the Church to occupy it as far as it is in its power. The Presbyterian Church of England had, in 1886, 2,116 District Visitors, 4,855 Members of Dorcas Societies; 7,210 Sabbath School Teachers, having charge of 75,794 scholars; besides 7,518 scholars in Day Schools. Also 4,625 members of Young Men's Societies, and 7,583 members of the Bible Classes. The proportion of Sabbath School children to Communicants was, in 1886, 1·22 scholars for every Communicant. The Regent Square Congregation had, however, as many as 2·68 scholars for every Communicant.

TEMPERANCE.

The efforts of the Temperance Committee are shown by the number and membership of Societies formed within the Church. They comprise Bands of Hope, Temperance Societies, Blue Ribbon Armies, &c. In 1884 there were 197 Societies, with 19,356 members; in 1885, 240 Societies, with 23,471 members; and in 1886, 220 Societies, with 23,693 members.

THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.

110 Congregations have made returns of the number of children under 14 years of age connected with them, and their aggregate number was 12,907.

FINANCIAL.

The income of the Church is derived partly from its Congregations and partly from donations received direct from private members. And the amount is yearly appropriated in the proportion of about 90 per cent. for the wants of the Church itself, and the remainder for Missions, College, &c.

CONGREGATIONAL INCOME.

The different sources of Congregational income on the last six years have been as follows:—

Congregational Purposes	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Seat Rents . . .	39,602	41,258	40,830	40,173	40,824	40,326
Sustentation Fund (not being aid) . . .	17,984	11,330	11,270	11,574	12,127	11,717
Collections . . .	59,462	68,612	58,797	62,037	60,718	60,662
Poor and Congregational Missions . . .	18,883	21,191	22,908	24,355	24,062	25,963
Temporary purposes . . .	43,235	52,391	41,210	39,892	29,708	30,680
	174,404	186,263	175,015	178,031	167,439	169,348
Average per Congregation . . .	634	667	627	629	585	592

MISSIONARY FUNDS.

The amount contributed for missionary purposes by Congregations apart from what was received by donations was as follows :—

Year	Home Missions	Foreign Missions, including Women's Asso- ciation	Jewish Mission	Continental Missions	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
1881	1,695	7,398	767	478	10,337
1882	1,925	10,891	846	605	14,267
1883	2,586	10,217	854	416	12,873
1884	1,521	12,054	839	438	14,852
1885	1,598	9,200	766	380	11,944
1886	1,554	9,496	844	427	12,321

EDUCATION.

The amount obtained for educational objects has been as follows :

Year	College	Instruction of Youth	Total
	£	£	£
1881	1,156	153	1,309
1882	1,104	157	1,261
1883	943	258	1,201
1884	948	236	1,184
1885	808	281	1,089
1886	774	294	1,068

GENERAL FINANCES.

The total receipts of the Church have been as follows :—

	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Congregational Income .	131,169	133,891	133,805	138,139	137,731	138,668
Temporary Purposes .	42,225	52,872	41,210	39,892	29,708	30,680
Synodical Finances by Presbyteries . . .	23,386	30,378	29,231	26,222	30,204	24,858
Donations and from the Free Church . . .	11,846	18,654	10,973	8,949	18,463	12,327
Total . . .	208,626	235,295	211,219	213,202	216,106	206,533

There was a diminution of £9,573 in the total receipts in 1886 as compared with 1885, but the difference is fully explained by the smaller amounts derived from legacies, while the financial and economic condition of the country has been also unsatisfactory.

A comparison of the condition of the Church, and the relative position of the different Presbyteries in 1876 and 1886, both in the number of Communicants and total receipts, together with the amount received by donations at the two periods, gives the following results :—

1876					1886			
Presbyteries	Number of Communicants	Per cent.	Total Receipts	Per cent.	Number of Communicants	Per cent.	Total Receipts	Per cent.
			£				£	
Berwick .	3,507	7.53	5,374	3.25	3,990	6.46	4,476	2.17
Birmingham	1,299	2.80	5,866	3.55	1,641	2.66	5,055	2.45
Bristol .	1,353	2.90	5,664	3.43	1,499	2.42	7,456	3.61
Carlisle .	1,845	3.97	3,598	2.18	2,085	3.38	3,930	1.91
Darlington .	2,866	6.15	10,936	6.63	3,053	4.94	8,043	3.89
Liverpool .	7,074	15.21	20,884	12.66	10,358	16.77	30,353	14.70
London .	10,946	23.53	55,936	33.93	17,812	28.83	78,301	37.91
Manchester .	4,620	9.92	20,219	12.26	5,882	9.52	21,863	10.58
Newcastle .	9,018	19.37	19,315	11.71	11,086	17.94	21,010	10.17
Northumberland .	4,012	8.62	5,445	3.30	4,375	7.08	5,804	2.81
Donations, &c., and special purposes .	46,540	100.00	153,237	92.90	61,781	100.00	186,291	90.20
	...	...	11,625	7.10	...	...	20,242	9.80
			164,862	100.00	...	...	206,533	100.00

Classified geographically the relative progress of Presbyteries would be as follows :—

	1876		1886	
	Per cent. of Communicants	Per cent. of Income	Per cent. of Communicants	Per cent. of Income
Berwick, Darlington, Newcastle, Northumberland, and Carlisle .	45.64	27.07	39.80	20.95
Liverpool and Manchester . .	25.13	24.92	26.29	25.28
Birmingham and Bristol . .	5.70	6.98	5.08	6.06
London	23.53	33.93	28.83	37.91
Donations . . . . .	...	7.10	...	9.80
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

The progress of the Church, as of the general population, has been southward, London absorbing more and more of the population and wealth of the Empire.

The statistics of the Church are full of instruction, and many a lesson of warning and encouragement may be derived from them. May we trust that these pages of the Blue Book of the Church may receive more than a brief glance from members of Synod? The present is the twenty-first statistical report which your Convener has had the honour of presenting first to the Presbyterian Church in England, and afterwards to the United Church.

LEONE LEVI, *Convener*.

APPENDIX.

Inventory of the Property of the Presbyterian Church of England and its Committees, 1886.

REAL PROPERTY.

Churches, Halls, and Manses returned (*see* Table of Congregational Statistics) as insured for £940,223—estimated to have been insured for two-thirds of the real value—represent a capital of £1,410,334.

Mission Buildings in China and India.

Furniture, library, &c., of College, Queen Square.

Property belonging to Congregations.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

1. College Funds :

(A) Securities valued (last) at £33,200 in Railway property, with rental of house in Strand, yielding £300. For particulars, see Report of College Trustees, p. 98.

(B) Barbour Endowment £10,000 North Staffordshire Railway Five per cent. Preference Stock.

2. Scholarships :

Securities in Indian Railways, Indian Government, Canadian Stock, and British Railways, amounting to £6,402. For particulars, see Scholarships Accounts, p. 226.

3. Sustentation Fund—Muter Trust :

Securities in Railway Property, Manufactures, and New Zealand Government, Stocks valued at £21,328. For particulars, see Muter Account, p. 203.

4. Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund :

Securities, sundry investments at cost price, £33,356. For particulars, see Accounts, p. 205.

5. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund :

Sundry Investments at cost price, at December 31, 1885, £6,429. For particulars, see Accounts, p. 205.

COST OF CHURCHES.

Presbytery of Birmingham.

Date.	Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1865 Birmingham, Camp Hill, Freehold	600	4,000	6 13 4
1865 Derby, Freehold ...	450	3,100	6 17 9
" Sunday School Hall	—	700	—
1865 Leicester, Freehold ...	700	4,500	6 8 7
1867 Nottingham, Leasehold ...	500	3,800	7 12 0
" Lecture Hall	—	700	—
1867 Shrewsbury, Freehold ...	500	5,042	10 1 7
1882 Walsall, Leasehold ...	550	3,264	5 18 8
1866 Worcester, Freehold ...	800	7,000	8 15 0
		Average	£7 9 9

Presbytery of Bristol.

1875 Aberdare, Leasehold, 988 years .	400	4,600	11 10 0
1865 Cardiff, Leasehold, 77 years ...	700	6,000*	8 11 5
1886 Cheltenham, Freehold ...	530	5,730	10 16 3
1868 Gloucester, In perpetuity ...	600	4,500	7 10 0
1864 Swansea, Leasehold, 76 years ...	1,200	8,000	6 13 4
1884 Swindon (Lecture Hall) Freehold	300	1,224	4 1 6
		Average	£8 1 2

* Approximate.

Presbytery of Carlisle.

Date.	Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1863 Carlisle, Warwick Road (including Site for Manse) Freehold .	650	2,618	4 0 6
Manse (exclusive of site) ...	—	1,005	—
1881 Harrington, Leasehold, 994 years	250	1,450	5 16 0
1884 Silloth, Freehold ...	220	750	3 8 2
Average			£4 6 0

Presbytery of Darlington.

1874 Grimsby (including Hall) Freehold	450	4,176	9 5 7
1876 Harrogate, Freehold ...	380	3,000	7 17 11
1839 Hartlepool, Freehold ...	650	6,500	10 0 0
1873 Hull, Holderness Road, Freehold	1,050	5,525	5 5 3
1868 „ Prospect Street, Freehold .	850	6,000	7 1 4
1874 „ Springbank, Freehold ...	500	6,100	12 4 0
1872 Middlesborough, Trinity, Freehold	550	4,500	8 3 8
1867 Stockton, St. George's, Freehold	550	7,445	13 10 9
1858 West Hartlepool, Freehold ...	650	5,500	8 9 3
1874 Whitby, Freehold ...	460	5,600	12 3 6
1874 York, Freehold ...	800	6,000	7 10 0
Average			£8 15 2

Presbytery of Liverpool.

1868 Birkenhead, Hamilton, Freehold	600	3,000	5 0 0
1885 „ West Kirby, L. 96 yrs.	350	1,300	3 14 3
1885 Bootle, Peel Road (Lecture Hall) Leasehold, 99 years	420	1,340	3 3 10
1858 Chester, Parkgate, Freehold ...	340	3,047	8 19 3
1864 Liverpool, Fairfield, Freehold ...	600	6,154	10 5 2
1879 „ Sefton Park (including Lecture Hall, &c.) L.	900	19,869	22 1 6
1876 „ Union, Leasehold ...	907	7,746	8 10 10
1884 „ Walton, Leasehold ...	275	730	2 13 1
1873 Waterloo, Freehold ...	311	5,888	18 18 8
1867 St. Helen's, Leasehold, 980 years	500	3,452	6 18 0
„ Manse and School ...	—	1,500	—
1870 Southport Church, Freehold ...	450	6,910	15 7 1
Average			£10 10 3

Presbytery of London.

1877 Canterbury, Freehold ...	440	5,000	11 7 3
1878 Eastbourne, Freehold...	700	6,700	9 11 5
1868 Gravesend, Freehold ...	750	4,842	6 9 1
1870 Ipswich, Freehold ...	500	4,100	8 4 0
„ Lecture Hall ...	—	566	—
1881 London, Blackheath (Lecture Hall) F.	—	1,900	—
1869 „ Bow, Leasehold ...	468	3,650*	7 16 0
1882 „ Brockley (including Lecture Hall), In perpetuity	977	8,200	8 7 10
1867 „ Camberwell, Freehold ...	550	7,178	13 1 0
1870 „ Camden Road, Leasehold	650	9,445	14 10 7
„ Lecture Hall ...	—	1,150	—
1871 „ Clapton, Freehold ...	550	6,368	11 11 7
1876 „ Crouch Hill, Freehold...	606	8,250	13 12 3
1868 „ Hammersmith, Leasehold	550	7,015	12 15 1
1886 „ Highgate ...	750	8,500	11 6 8
1885 „ Kingston, Freehold ...	450	4,070	9 0 11
1869 „ Kentish Town, Leasehold	700	2,750*	3 18 7
1875 „ Marylebone, Leasehold .	1,575	15,000	9 10 6
1870 „ New Barnet, Freehold ...	290	2,825	9 14 10
1872 „ Notting Hill, Freehold .	870	13,234	15 4 3
1877 „ Oxenden, Freehold ...	560	8,000	14 5 8
„ Lecture Hall ...	—	1,400	—

* Approximate.

Date.		Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1885	London, Richmond, Freehold ...	501	3,862	7 14 2
1885	" St. John's Wood, Freehold 1,021		7,748†	7 11 9
1883	" Silvertown (Lecture Hall) F. 202		1,082	5 7 2
	Manse ...	—	700	—
1882	" Somers Town, Leasehold 1,060		8,330	7 18 1
	Institute ...	—	1,192	—
1872	" South Kensington, Freehold 800		7,200	9 0 0
1885	" Stoke Newington, Freehold 720		5,800	8 1 1
1875	" Streatham, Freehold ... 389		5,636	14 12 10
1864	" Tottenham, Freehold ... 450		6,000	13 6 8
1874	" Upper Norwood, Leasehold 520		6,500	12 6 0
	Lecture Hall, &c. ...	—	1,000	—
1872	" Wandsworth, Freehold . 600		7,500	12 10 0
1875	" Willesden, Leasehold ... 400		3,500	8 15 0
1875	" Wood Green, Freehold . 500		5,852	11 14 1
1867	Norwich, Freehold ... 650		4,323	6 13 0
	Schoolroom & other property	—	2,177	—
1880	Portsmouth, Leasehold, 989 yrs. 536		6,966	11 17 9
1879	Reading, Freehold ... 540		5,500	10 3 8
1883	St. Leonards, Freehold ... 820		8,011	9 15 5
1874	Southampton, Woolston, Freehold 386		3,300	8 11 0
			Average	£10 1 5

Presbytery of Manchester.

1879	Leeds, Cavendish Road (including Lecture Hall) Freehold ...	600	6,000	10 0 0
1868	Manchester, Bowdon, L. 999 yrs. 400		7,000	17 10 0
1875	" Higher Broughton (including Lecture Hall, &c.) C. 650		8,000	12 6 2
1871	" Longsight (including Sabbath School) F. 450		5,500	12 4 5
1871	" Pendleton, Leasehold 500		3,800	7 10 0
1874	" Sale, Freehold ... 700		6,600	9 8 7
	Manse ...	—	1,650	—
1867	" Withington, Leasehold 560		6,227	11 2 5
1872	Ramsbottom, Leasehold 999 yrs. 650		7,500	11 10 9
1869	Wigan, Freehold ... 630		5,676	9 0 2
	" School and Cottage ...	—	1,000	—
			Average	£10 19 1

Presbytery of Newcastle.

1883	Bellingham, Freehold ... 250		1,750	7 0 0
1878	Blackhill, Copyhold ... 340		2,500	7 7 1
1873	Blyth, Waterloo Road, Freehold 600		5,300	8 16 8
1872	Durham, Freehold ... 380		3,500	9 4 3
1869	Forest Hall, Freehold ... 405		1,141	2 16 4
1869	Gateshead, Durham Road, Freehold 850		7,500	8 16 6
1869	Hebburn-on-Tyne, Leasehold ... 880		14,000	15 18 2
1877	Houghton-le-Spring, Freehold ... 400		3,500	8 15 0
1874	Jarrow, St. Kilda's, Leasehold ... 312		2,800	8 19 6
1873	Newcastle, Barras Bridge, Freehold 700		5,222	7 9 2
1881	" Heaton (Lecture Hall, &c.) Freehold ... 186		1,250	6 14 5
1872	" Westmoreland Road, F. 750		6,000*	8 0 0
1883	Seaham Harbour, Leasehold ... 310		1,850	5 19 5
1877	South Shields, St. John's, Freehold 630		5,500	8 14 7
1878	" St. Paul's, Freehold 380		3,200	8 8 5
1871	Sunderland, Trinity, Leasehold . 700		4,000	5 14 3
1877	Wark, Freehold ... 160		1,411	8 16 4
	" Manse ...	—	1,425	—
			Average	£8 11 1

Presbytery of Northumberland.

1860	Morpeth ... 850		4,350	5 2 4
1863	Newbiggin ... 300		709	2 7 3
			Average	£4 8 1
			Total Average	£9 5 9

* Approximate.

† Inclusive of Hall, but exclusive of site.

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART I.
CONGREGATIONAL.

GENERAL

OF

PRESBYTERIAN

PRESENTED TO THE

PART I.—CON

F, Freehold; L, Leasehold and number

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
PRESBYTERIES.									
BERWICK.									
					£	£	£		
1	Ancroft Moor	1845	1880	F	1200	...	160	210	112
2	Beaumont Union	1850	1882	L 63	1000	...	...	360	357
3	Belford	1776	1884	L 39	1300	...	...	360	241
4	Berwick—Bankhill	1719	1863	†L248	†600	...	...	400	287
5	„ —Church Street	1812	1883	F	1000	...	...	600	free
6	„ —Wallace Green	1769	1886	F	7600	...	...	1031	854
7	Chatton	1850	1851	L	800	...	...	500	255
8	Crookham	1732	1864	F	...	...	...	480	222
9	Etal	1697	1866	F	400	50	...	450	239
10	Horncliffe	1853	1858	F	800	...	70	325	191
11	Lowick	1665	1874	F	750	...	150	450	162
12	Norham—North... ..	1845	1858	F	...	...	300	400	203
13	„ —South... ..	1752	1870	F	500	...	...	350	133
14	Spittal	1745	1881	C	3700	550	...	700	310
15	Tweedmouth	1840	1886	C	800	...	300	400	223
	One Preaching Station ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	free
					20450	600	980	7156	3789
BIRMINGHAM.									
16	Birmingham—Broad Street	1839	vacant	L 59	6000	...	...	800	90
17	„ —Camphill	1865	1886	F	4500	800	...	600	114
18	„ —New John Street	1855	1885	F	3000	...	...	400	72
19	„ —Smethwick	1853	1886	F	2000	60	...	350	free
20	Burton-on-Trent	1861	1870	L 83	2550	55	...	334	125
21	Derby	1865	1865	F	4000	450	...	450	121
22	Dudley	1842	vacant	F	2000	267	...	500	50
23	Hanley	1847	1858	C	2400	700	...	500	165
24	Leicester	1865	1883	F	3300	1000	...	600	231
25	Nottingham	1867	1880	L 79	4000	...	...	500	218
26	Shrewsbury	1867	1886	F	2700	...	...	500	free
27	Stafford	1672	vacant	F	1000	...	...	250	170
28	Walsall	1877	1883	L 92	3200	360	...	550	80
29	Wolverhampton	1862	vacant	F	5000	1000	...	680	215
30	Worcester	1865	1885	F	5000	...	...	800	118
					50350	4692	...	7814	1769

(†) Manse Freehold.

(‡) Exclusive of £300 insured on Manse.

STATISTICS

THE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

SYNOD IN 1886.

GREGATIONAL.

of years; C, Copyhold; P, Perpetuity.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removal by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1886.	1885.												
3	4	...	2	14	16	...	115	115	...	4	...	8	...	1	19	...	...	7	1
5	...	12	24	50	82	12	324	344	4	16	3	13	...	7	56	...	...	14	2
4	...	12	11	31	42	4	232	235	2	14	4	...	...	7	57	...	...	21	3
7	10	...	5	11	9	6	271	270	5	11	2	7	20	15	127	...	a30	42	4	
10	...	18	6	15	23	9	308	315	3	14	7	11	11	12	110	...	8	44	5	
14	...	21	40	45	41	42	*830	825	2	32	20	50	146	73	576	...	...	100	6
5	...	12	18	40	42	18	260	262	4	20	18	...	...	4	58	...	...	22	7
6	9	...	5	40	14	1	190	160	...	10	1	...	...	2	45	93	...	5	8
4	2	...	10	26	20	10	214	206	...	20	7	6	...	8	70	...	...	13	9
5	...	...	5	14	13	1	210	207	...	10	1	...	...	4	76	88	...	22	10
2	4	...	4	33	52	7	162	184	2	12	7	...	...	7	72	...	...	18	11
7	7	...	5	20	19	4	192	197	4	18	4	...	...	8	70	...	...	14	12
4	...	6	1	33	29	...	140	135	...	9	...	...	...	5	30	...	...	10	13
13	...	12	12	7	5	21	276	283	3	16	7	25	...	18	140	...	...	24	14
5	5	...	1	5	19	9	215	234	...	18	...	...	...	5	60	145	...	...	15
2	...	6	7	6	...	1	51	39	...	1	1	...	...	10	57	...	...	37	
96	41	99	156	390	426	145	3990	4011	29	225	82	120	177	186	1623	326	38	393		
5	...	5	...	4	5	17	104	120	1	5	1	...	8	22	244	...	25	...	16	
6	...	18	...	12	9	20	140	157	2	3	1	20	40	32	366	...	24	18	17	
5	...	9	9	8	4	4	78	69	...	2	...	14	28	27	268	...	20	6	18	
5	...	12	12	6	...	5	87	75	...	2	...	20	...	20	133	...	...	20	19
5	...	12	5	6	2	5	104	102	2	7	2	6	...	24	205	...	...	5	20
3	...	9	4	3	4	3	90	90	2	4	3	...	15	18	143	...	12	10	21	
...	...	13	...	2	...	...	46	44	...	...	...	4	12	21	145	...	10	20	22
3	...	9	5	5	4	9	130	113	...	7	1	...	20	16	175	...	16	7	23	
3	...	14	4	12	10	2	92	90	3	8	2	6	15	10	75	...	20	12	24	
6	...	13	10	16	5	18	228	225	1	12	2	20	21	48	409	...	59	47	25	
4	...	6	4	7	...	4	65	58	...	3	1	4	...	13	100	...	7	...	26	
2	...	12	19	...	7	4	126	118	2	6	4	6	...	16	152	...	...	26	27
3	...	12	9	1	...	7	79	76	2	5	1	6	15	18	220	...	37	40	28	
7	...	12	3	3	8	32	176	206	...	11	1	6	21	17	150	...	15	22	29	
4	8	...	3	3	2	3	96	82	1	9	2	...	...	24	220	...	14	38	30
61	8	156	87	88	60	133	1641	1625	16	84	21	112	195	326	3005	...	259	271		

(a) Belongs to all the Berwick Congregations.

(*) Inclusive of 29 Mission District Communicants.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.				Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
									Church.	Manse.		
	BRISTOL.							£	£	£		
31	Aberdare...	...	...	...	1875	1886	L 988	2500	650	...	400	100
32	Bristol ...	...	...	...	1855	1885	F	3000	185	...	700	345
33	Cardiff ...	...	...	...	1865	1881	L 77	5500	...	500	666	427
34	Cheltenham ...	...	...	...	1860	1873	F	5260	...	...	530	209
35	Gloucester ...	...	...	...	1868	1881	P	5000	...	...	60	235
36	Plymouth ...	...	...	...	1861	1864	F	5500	...	...	825	355
37	Swansea ...	...	...	...	1862	1885	L 76	7000	1700	...	1200	230
38	Swindon ...	...	...	...	1884	1886	F	1000	630	...	300	17
39	Torquay ...	...	...	...	1864	vacant	L 76	4000	...	...	486	225
	CARLISLE.							38760	3165	500	5707	2233
40	Bewcastle ...	...	...	...	1789	1881	L 2	300	...	...	200	free
41	Brampton ...	...	...	...	1672	1885	F	1000	...	...	280	110
42	Carlisle—Fisher Street ...	...	...	...	1689	1862	F	3310	...	...	570	500
43	„ —Warwick Road ...	...	...	...	1862	1873	F	1600	...	364	650	free
44	Cleator Moor ...	...	...	...	1867	1869	F	700	...	...	225	153
45	Haltwhistle ...	...	...	...	1744	vacant	F	400	...	...	200	27
46	Harrington ...	...	...	...	1881	1881	L 994	1000	...	...	235	148
47	Maryport—Crosby Street ...	...	...	...	1831	1851	F	1100	...	...	400	227
48	„ —John Street... ..	...	...	...	1773	1880	F	1000	...	40	320	142
49	Penrith ...	...	...	...	1689	1885	F	1000	...	...	200	91
50	Silloth ...	...	...	...	1884	1884	F	800	150	...	220	free
51	Whitehaven—High Street ...	...	...	...	1749	1884	F	1000	...	...	400	105
52	„ —Market Place ...	...	...	...	1694	1866	F	2600	...	...	514	275
53	Workington ...	...	...	...	1745	1884	F	1000	...	...	250	205
	Three Preaching Stations ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	350	free
	DARLINGTON.							16810	150	404	5014	1983
54	Bishop Auckland ...	...	...	...	1863	vacant	*L 80	1800	...	...	300	free
55	Crook ...	...	...	...	1861	1887	F	1100	...	...	250	free
56	Darlington ...	...	...	...	1865	1880	F	2000	396	...	500	228
57	Grimshy ...	...	...	...	1874	1883	F	3000	1425	...	450	138
58	Harrogate ...	...	...	...	1876	1882	F	2500	550	...	430	90
59	Hartlepool ...	...	...	...	1839	1885	F	6000	2381	...	650	190
60	Hull—Holderness Road ...	...	...	...	1873	1887	F	4000	834	...	1050	ee
61	„ —Prospect Street ...	...	...	...	1867	1886	F	6000	...	1000	800	free
62	„ —Springbank ...	...	...	...	1838	1882	F	4000	1830	...	500	free
63	Middlesborough—Newport Road ...	...	...	...	1862	1879	F	1950	600	...	600	103
64	„ —Trinity ...	...	...	...	1872	1885	F	3350	† 96	...	550	220
65	Mount Pleasant, Spennymoor ...	...	...	...	1863	1863	L	1650	...	...	300	105
66	Redcar ...	...	...	...	1872	1883	L	400	...	...	230	120
67	Scarborough ...	...	...	...	1380	1885	...	...	...	...	...	...
68	Stockton—St. Andrew's ...	...	...	...	1845	1871	F	2300	...	...	340	265
69	„ —St. George's ...	...	...	...	1867	1880	F	3000	1200	...	530	190
70	Tow Law ...	...	...	...	1863	vacant	F	1000	...	...	200	free
71	West Hartlepool ...	...	...	...	1858	1858	F	5000	100	...	650	214
72	Whitby ...	...	...	...	1874	1885	F	3150	1000	...	500	90
73	York ...	...	...	...	1874	1886	F	4000	715	...	850	82
								56200	11127	1000	9680	2035

(*) Manse Freehold.

(†) On Organ.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.							MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time	No. received by Certificate.	No. removed by Certificate.	Number lapses, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1886.	1885.												
5	...	9	28	7	4	12	62	51	6	6	2	...	...	13	82	...	...	12	31
5	...	15	11	45	6	10	233	192	...	11	3	16	55	29	209	...	...	16	32
8	...	20	10	20	24	6	309	309	1	28	2	8	20	25	257	...	42	60	33	
7	...	6	15	14	13	12	149	145	2	4	3	22	106	22	172	...	...	...	34
6	...	9	26	5	10	7	175	161	5	4	2	13	...	20	175	...	30	27	35	
5	5	...	13	6	9	10	177	177	6	20	3	4	...	40	603	...	35	70	36	
4	...	12	8	7	2	5	141	133	2	7	5	...	...	28	265	...	30	23	37
3	...	7	35	1	2	10	109	85	...	10	1	...	42	22	159	...	25	15	38	
5	...	6	...	5	11	5	144	144	...	...	1	...	25	11	66	...	...	...	39
48	5	84	146	110	81	77	1499	1397	22	90	22	63	248	210	1988	...	162	223		
3	...	3	1	...	...	4	58	61	...	4	4	8	...	5	52	...	...	7	40
6	...	4	3	1	5	1	67	69	1	3	1	4	...	8	60	...	...	...	41
13	...	15	10	29	20	18	406	405	4	30	2	...	50	56	557	...	45	30	42	
9	11	...	5	17	11	2	297	288	2	10	2	32	14	73	568	...	25	50	43	
4	4	...	6	7	...	9	98	94	1	12	1	6	...	13	110	20	...	19	44	
1	...	8	...	4	2	2	31	31	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
4	...	11	11	3	5	23	154	168	...	19	...	...	...	25	208	...	...	...	46
4	...	14	3	6	...	6	127	124	1	17	...	6	...	27	180	...	...	20	47
5	...	7	6	1	9	4	109	115	...	6	1	...	...	16	100	...	...	20	48
3	...	9	20	5	12	4	108	99	1	5	2	...	...	14	88	...	...	7	49
...	...	9	...	4	2	2	70	70	...	11	...	...	...	14	80	...	...	10	50
4	...	15	6	...	5	1	115	115	...	7	1	...	12	12	100	...	...	46	51
5	...	7	17	11	16	14	218	220	4	24	2	7	15	21	211	...	...	28	52
5	...	12	38	8	9	8	179	158	4	2	...	8	...	29	336	...	...	...	53
2	...	13	...	2	...	...	48	41	..	1	...	6	...	9	68	...	...	...
68	15	127	126	98	96	98	2085	2058	18	153	16	77	91	322	2718	20	70	237		
4	...	10	...	5	...	16	95	96	3	4	...	24	15	14	77	...	...	15	54
6	...	16	...	2	4	2	92	93	...	5	2	6	...	24	190	...	...	...	55
6	7	...	1	5	6	19	161	183	1	11	3	16	...	44	465	...	25	20	56	
7	3	...	19	3	6	7	160	151	2	12	2	23	20	23	319	...	38	19	57	
4	...	10	3	3	2	2	70	68	...	1	...	...	...	8	50	...	...	...	58
5	...	14	2	7	14	12	156	173	...	14	1	...	40	22	205	...	...	24	59
5	10	...	46	...	5	20	218	197	1	7	2	4	...	54	610	...	...	50	60
24	6	...	39	16	2	35	537	568	3	11	6	21	...	79	761	...	...	58	61
4	4	...	7	5	9	9	117	123	...	6	2	...	...	13	130	...	40	...	62
3	...	15	8	6	10	9	124	129	3	9	1	15	...	16	175	...	...	12	63
7	...	12	9	8	8	3	176	170	6	6	...	3	...	22	310	...	55	15	64	
5	...	11	4	4	3	2	109	106	...	7	...	6	...	21	169	...	...	23	65
3	...	7	6	9	7	5	90	84	1	7	...	...	22	7	72	...	...	...	66
1	...	6	1	6	3	9	46	50	...	3	...	...	...	7	57	...	12	7	67
8	...	15	14	10	13	4	234	227	3	14	2	7	12	36	309	...	...	12	68
6	6	...	8	4	2	10	136	138	2	8	1	6	23	15	241	...	...	19	69
4	...	9	18	...	6	5	81	74	...	8	...	...	...	18	121	...	...	24	70
4	...	12	4	2	12	2	198	206	2	14	2	...	...	40	448	...	30	8	71
3	...	9	8	3	2	11	86	87	...	6	3	...	...	18	167	...	...	20	72
2	6	...	4	4	...	8	117	117	...	5	1	5	...	10	52	15	73	
112	42	146	205	104	112	193	3053	3040	27	158	28	136	147	491	4928	...	200	319		

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CHURCHES.									
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
LIVERPOOL.									
					£	£	£		
74	Barrow-in-Furness	1868	1870	F	6200	422	...	758	270
75	Birkenhead—Egremont... ..	1859	1865	F	5000	...	...	749	450
76	" —Grange Road	1846	¹⁸⁴⁷ 1880	F	4100	...	...	623	544
77	" —Hamilton... ..	1868	1874	F	4200	...	350	600	196
78	" —Rock Ferry	1856	1857	F	3800	...	...	650	289
79	" —St. Andrew's	1840	1868	F	4000	...	...	793	313
80	" —St. Paul's	1858	1870	F	3000	707	...	410	259
81	" —Trinity, Cloughton	1863	1863	F	8000	...	...	782	608
82	" —West Kirby	1885	1887	L 96	500	...	...	230	free
83	Bootle—Peel Road	1884	1884	L 99	1200	315	...	420	318
84	" —Trinity	1855	1877	L 998	10950	...	...	(e) 498	498
85	Chester—Chester	1846	¹⁸⁶⁷ 1883	F	1500	725	...	414	90
86	" —Parkgate	1858	1875	F	3000	...	...	300	free
87	" —Sutton	1850	vacant	F	500	...	...	250	112
88	Isle of Man—Douglas	1825	1885	F	3000	...	...	510	185
89	" —Rau-sey	1834	1878	P	2080	...	...	350	81
90	Liverpool—Canning Street	1844	1880	F	7500	...	...	984	449
91	" —Everton Valley	1862	1868	L 58	5000	...	...	950	551
92	" —Fairfield	1864	1866	F	5100	...	...	600	450
93	" —Islington	1845	1887	*F	†5500	...	...	832	456
94	" —Mount Pleasant	1807	1881	L	6600	...	...	1000	337
95	" —Prince's Road	1864	1879	F	5500	690	...	596	305
96	" —Queen's Road	1861	1864	F	3000	1000	...	850	244
97	" —St. George's	1845	1877	F	8000	...	...	1105	619
98	" —St. Peter's	1842	1878	F	6000	...	...	700	220
99	" —Sefton Park	1879	1880	L	15750	...	...	800	800
100	" —Shaw Street	1860	1876	F	3000	...	...	500	148
101	" —Trinity	1857	1858	F	2560	...	...	500	234
102	" —Union	1876	1878	L 67	5000	525	...	907	free
103	" —Vauxhall Road	1867	1868	F	3000	...	...	450	free
104	" —Walton	1884	1884	L 3	1000	...	...	275	free
105	" —Waterloo	1873	1873	F	5100	...	...	361	330
106	St. Helen's	1867	1875	L 980	6000	...	...	500	179
107	Southport	1870	1879	F	6150	...	...	450	216
					160790	4384	350	20697	9751
LONDON.									
108	Aldershot	1862	vacant	F	2006	..	300	750	free
109	Aston Tirrold	1662	1887	F	600	..	...	150	free
110	Bournemouth	1857	1885	†	...	...	...	...	...
111	Brighton—Queen's Road	1845	1880	F	4000	...	300	650	free
112	" —Trinity	1870	1871	F	2000	500	...	450	300
113	Canterbury	1877	vacant	F	4500	1100	...	450	56
114	Chatham	1839	1887	L 73	1350	...	...	560	free
115	Croydon	1867	1886	F	9400	...	783	540	198
116	Darenth	1881	vacant	F	...	...	...	130	47
Carried forward					23850	1600	1383	3680	601

(e) Manse leasehold.

(†) Exclusive of £1,000 insured on Manse.

(‡) Church sold; Congregation worshipping in Hall.

(e) Lecture Hall.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND--continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	No. lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1886.	1885.												
13	...	15	5	11	24	8	283	299	1	20	1	40	...	32	263	...	25	72	74	
12	...	12	...	...	...	...	(a) 533	515	...	26	...	60	30	116	1163	736	...	25	75
10	...	17	42	23	3	13	511	462	2	27	6	21	16	75	856	...	50	100	76	
6	...	6	3	12	8	10	158	161	2	7	1	6	45	11	203	240	...	...	77
6	...	14	9	10	7	12	249	258	3	17	1	28	118	53	1015	...	24	20	78	
12	9	...	33	14	...	27	438	418	...	...	...	16	100	59	774	964	...	37	79
6	...	15	3	19	25	7	222	231	3	12	2	9	28	39	598	...	40	35	80	
9	...	12	7	20	6	24	(b) 372	376	5	12	7	10	10	41	663	...	...	...	81
2	...	9	2	12	...	1	74	45	...	2	1	...	...	...	(c)	...	...	...	82
6	...	15	30	54	13	19	305	253	...	19	5	15	...	36	440	...	...	82	83
7	...	15	25	37	27	31	594	590	2	38	11	15	70	63	709	...	59	40	84	
3	1	6	8	13	10	...	81	69	...	3	...	4	10	23	169	...	10	...	85	
2	...	12	3	10	3	11	68	69	2	...	3	...	24	8	65	...	...	19	86
2	...	6	2	4	4	2	78	76	1	1	2	10	...	14	171	...	...	14	87
9	9	...	8	3	...	3	175	167	2	4	...	...	...	13	146	...	...	31	88
3	...	9	4	8	10	1	69	68	...	19	1	2	...	22	171	...	...	...	89
10	8	...	25	28	11	27	(d) 572	556	...	10	7	27	70	107	1113	...	91	105	90	
5	...	22	22	30	41	26	571	586	6	31	7	23	13	68	726	...	35	51	91	
6	...	10	10	40	...	...	351	345	4	15	...	23	40	48	697	...	47	29	92
6	...	15	12	4	23	10	534	551	5	22	10	...	15	57	657	...	...	112	93
9	...	18	11	11	29	...	326	337	...	...	2	10	30	52	434	...	...	40	94
7	...	15	12	21	11	23	384	385	8	24	6	12	25	25	264	...	30	51	95	
6	...	24	6	17	14	13	300	304	7	13	3	12	25	62	750	...	18	20	96	
7	15	...	18	33	8	35	501	493	6	22	5	10	40	42	391	...	45	...	97	
8	...	18	21	6	17	16	370	376	1	19	7	10	...	44	448	...	30	8	98	
12	12	...	49	38	25	14	682	634	2	48	6	40	200	77	987	...	98	255	99	
4	...	12	6	5	10	11	170	180	4	15	4	7	...	18	150	...	40	30	100	
3	...	12	4	4	9	4	193	189	2	4	4	...	15	13	122	...	...	80	101
6	...	18	13	36	40	64	445	549	5	31	8	16	75	32	275	...	40	30	102	
3	6	...	6	...	...	5	109	108	...	7	2	1	80	14	269	...	8	35	103
3	...	12	7	28	7	5	122	99	1	12	1	...	...	22	187	...	...	...	104
4	...	8	18	19	5	3	203	170	...	5	3	18	...	12	118	...	55	...	105	
5	...	13	14	1	5	4	146	140	...	14	1	6	15	28	346	...	...	53	106
8	8	...	6	23	11	6	169	157	7	6	...	...	20	9	63	...	...	20	107
220	68	342	451	594	388	464	10358	10216	81	505	117	451	1114	1335	15403	1940	745	1394		
4	...	15	11	9	18	9	126	133	...	12	2	8	20	16	170	...	...	...	108
4	...	2	4	...	1	10	48	55	...	5	4	4	16	6	31	20	...	8	109	
7	3	...	8	10	7	1	165	154	1	7	1	11	6	39	252	...	...	71	110
2	6	...	5	23	6	21	205	204	4	10	1	8	27	38	299	...	30	33	111	
4	...	12	...	...	...	...	120	120	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	112
2	...	4	...	...	4	10	50	64	3	5	1	6	...	12	148	...	6	20	113
1	...	11	26	6	19	43	150	190	4	...	2	...	...	7	105	...	...	...	114
4	9	...	4	15	3	67	152	203	1	2	2	4	24	12	102	...	...	...	115
...	...	5	3	3	8	...	18	20	...	1	...	...	...	4	28	...	...	...	116
28	18	49	61	66	66	161	1034	1143	13	42	13	41	113	134	1135	20	36	148		

(a) Inclusive of 204 Mission District Communicants.

(b) Inclusive of 36 Mission District Communicants.

(c) There is a Children's Service held every Sabbath with an average attendance of 65.

(d) Inclusive of 50 Mission District Communicants.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	Brought forward ...	...	...		£	£	£
					23850	1600	1383	3680	601
117	Eastbourne ...	1878	1878	F	6500	2900	...	700	416
118	Edenbridge ...	1882	1886	...	...	...	...	200	54
119	Gravesend ...	1868	1879	F	4200	1400	...	750	160
120	Guernsey ...	1856	1882	P	500	100	...	210	66
121	Holybourne ...	1880	vacant	P	600	...	...	270	free
122	Ipswich ...	1868	1880	F	3550	...	...	470	280
123	Jersey ...	1856	1886	F	3000	...	...	465	335
124	Lewes ...	1865	1877	F	61400	...	...	350	87
125	London—Belgrave ...	1846	1882	L 31	4000	1780	...	600	348
126	" —Bermondsey ...	1873	1887	F	700	500	...	320	90
127	" —Blackheath ...	1881	1884	F	1170	...	...	250	130
128	" —Bow Road ...	1869	1886	L 69	3300	745	...	468	80
129	" —Brockley ...	1877	1881	P	6000	2300	...	900	310
130	" —Camberwell ...	1867	1875	F	6000	1235	...	621	460
131	" —Camden Road ...	1857	1883	L 79	8000	1150	...	650	425
132	" —Canonbury ...	1872	1880	L 53	3500	...	...	440	187
133	" —Clapham Road ...	1861	1875	F	12300	...	...	1380	804
134	" —Clapton ...	1856	1861	F	6000	550	...	500	180
135	" —College Park ...	1886	1886	F	1500	750	...	320	free
136	" —Crouch Hill ...	1876	1883	F	8200	*1100	...	830	489
137	" —Ealing ...	1875	1876	L 98	4000	...	...	415	...
138	" —East Dulwich ...	1886	1887	...	...	...	...	500	49
139	" —East India Road ...	1865	1865	L	2200	...	...	350	108
140	" —Forest Hill ...	1870	1883	F	8300	1800	...	800	410
141	" —Greenwich ...	1842	1873	L 60	7650	...	...	825	282
142	" —Hammersmith ...	1869	1869	L 82	5000	...	...	550	272
143	" —Hampstead ...	1845	¹⁸⁶⁴ 1887	F	7500	...	...	473	203
144	" —Highbury ...	1859	¹⁸⁶⁰ 1885	L 63	14000	...	...	950	670
145	" —Islington ...	1839	1863	F	4650	...	...	800	694
146	" —Kensington ...	1862	1882	L 71	7000	1760	...	650	372
147	" —Kentish Town ...	1869	1882	L 43	2000	450	...	700	180
148	" —Kingston ...	1874	1879	F	3000	1950	...	450	172
149	" —Marylebone ...	1844	1870	L 85	12000	800	2000	1575	693
150	" —Millwall (d) ...	1862	1872	L 74	1000	...	...	300	76
151	" —New Barnet ...	1870	1877	F	2400	...	...	280	114
152	" —Notting Hill ...	1872	1880	F	8200	...	...	790	430
153	" —Oxendon ...	1737	1884	F	5000	2200	...	600	260
154	" —Putney ...	1879	1879	F	2000	1000	...	300	148
155	" —Regent Square ...	1822	1869	F	15000	...	...	998	920
156	" —Richmond ...	1877	1878	F	5000	2131	...	500	170
157	" —St. John's Wood ...	1853	1880	F	9000	900	...	1004	922
158	" —Silvertown ...	1883	1883	F	1000	...	231	202	139
159	" —Somers Town... ..	1876	1876	L	7700	...	...	1060	385
160	" —South Kensington	1872	1873	F	8000	3000	...	800	250
161	" —Southwark ...	1845	1884	L 16	2000	...	...	800	110
162	" —Stepney ...	1844	1887	L 27	3500	100	...	850	112
163	" —Stoke Newington	1880	1883	F	4920	2950	...	710	259
164	" —Stratford ...	1863	1877	F	7500	1500	...	810	300
165	" —Streatham ...	1875	1885	F	5200	540	...	470	221
166	" —Tooting ...	1881	1881	F	1600	...	300	500	112
167	" —Tottenham ...	1863	1865	F	3400	...	755	450	200
	Carried forward ...	...	...	...	273990	37191	4669	34836	14735

(b) £500 insured on Manse.

(c) Estimate.

(*) Inclusive of £500 on Organ.

(d) No return: last year's figures filled in for comparison.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. admitted 1st Time.	No. received by Certificate.	No. removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	No.	
							1886.	1885.												
28	18	49	61	66	66	161	1034	1143	13	42	13	41	113	134	1135	20	36	148		
3	...	16	11	5	6	5	221	216	4	10	2	...	31	20	180	...	148	80	117	
...	...	9	12	3	...	...	40	27	1	7	...	7	10	5	57	80	...	26	118
4	2	...	3	6	2	11	85	89	2	6	...	...	9	15	145	...	...	...	119
3	...	5	6	5	2	4	44	39	3	6	4	...	...	9	52	...	...	6	120
1	...	...	...	1	...	16	19	34	...	2	...	1	...	1	16	...	...	...	121
7	...	8	7	22	10	9	200	190	...	27	5	15	41	25	208	...	24	38	122	
6	...	14	4	10	8	17	269	280	1	5	10	21	30	23	152	...	...	90	123
6	...	4	6	3	1	5	72	69	1	5	2	5	24	17	109	...	...	...	124
6	4	...	6	17	18	26	233	264	...	2	3	7	70	40	424	...	30	30	125	
2	...	7	...	...	...	...	65	93	...	...	...	...	...	20	171	...	12	26	126
5	...	5	1	19	...	7	85	68	...	...	...	...	...	13	135	...	...	22	127
1	...	8	6	11	6	5	70	64	...	2	...	6	...	7	42	...	14	...	128	
8	8	...	44	41	13	30	318	275	2	10	6	40	33	334	...	...	87	60	129
9	...	...	39	18	15	32	411	410	7	11	1	12	47	41	400	...	62	20	130
10	9	...	89	75	36	12	459	343	3	42	6	9	40	83	744	...	38	60	131	
4	...	...	12	5	25	14	160	160	...	2	4	10	20	38	380	...	38	35	132
16	...	12	59	52	36	125	*964	1012	7	39	13	15	200	76	909	...	85	80	133	
5	1	...	2	6	7	2	111	112	2	2	2	5	26	20	214	...	...	40	134
7	...	32	42	20	7	...	188	120	2	8	...	10	...	27	675	...	...	55	135
8	...	9	14	32	33	12	302	301	2	16	2	13	18	41	460	...	70	48	136	
8	...	7	...	8	4	3	92	91	2	2	1	7	17	7	74	...	...	...	137
...	...	9	1	2	...	6	48	56	...	1	...	...	...	10	100	...	...	...	138
4	3	...	5	8	1	11	132	131	1	...	3	5	...	14	178	...	30	18	139	
6	...	18	15	31	21	1	254	230	3	6	1	6	30	26	222	...	74	66	140	
8	6	...	12	12	5	1	263	257	...	7	1	6	30	31	375	...	25	24	141	
4	...	11	8	24	15	19	188	203	1	7	2	10	20	10	142	...	...	12	142
9	6	...	9	10	10	25	205	221	2	2	3	...	...	14	123	...	...	22	192
16	...	12	41	83	33	49	†616	574	3	19	3	27	85	80	1266	...	69	91	143	
16	17	3	...	...	...	...	502	530	4	24	...	...	60	65	775	...	60	36	145
8	11	...	15	42	15	30	234	222	2	10	1	8	32	18	139	...	...	98	146
10	...	...	51	2	6	28	267	248	8	30	2	...	24	61	550	...	...	42	147
5	4	...	23	8	1	14	119	103	2	4	3	2	12	12	118	...	...	8	148
14	19	...	48	57	24	36	886	835	4	15	3	2	25	83	1133	...	31	101	149	
3	...	4	...	...	...	...	98	98	1	6	...	2	9	15	280	...	...	...	150
3	...	6	1	9	13	17	77	80	1	5	...	4	15	16	125	...	...	15	151
11	10	...	16	22	3	17	325	307	1	8	1	14	38	58	570	...	...	...	152
6	...	12	35	21	17	25	212	198	5	8	1	4	6	21	280	...	...	28	153
...	...	5	7	10	6	4	69	60	2	3	...	...	10	...	...	...	31	30	154
26	18	...	51	69	66	49	810	805	6	27	12	25	68	183	2176	...	86	12	155	
5	7	...	11	18	26	2	107	104	3	9	2	...	26	8	70	...	...	15	156
14	...	12	52	54	19	55	†948	899	3	31	6	...	35	59	670	...	86	...	157	
5	...	13	17	6	6	10	127	120	...	17	2	7	23	12	89	...	...	20	158
10	...	40	136	47	94	61	893	865	8	57	8	12	...	25	466	...	32	36	159	
4	...	13	...	...	...	...	207	250	4	3	...	...	...	13	140	...	...	45	160
6	5	...	1	16	2	6	14	115	1	5	2	...	...	15	160	...	20	15	161
5	4	...	2	5	11	3	143	189	1	7	3	...	...	26	272	...	38	...	162
5	...	12	15	30	25	...	152	132	1	15	...	...	20	25	247	...	...	20	163
3	...	11	16	4	10	2	296	283	4	21	2	...	14	30	320	...	...	...	164
7	...	8	16	32	5	18	184	165	2	9	...	18	75	20	198	...	28	51	165	
1	...	...	16	9	...	...	67	42	1	8	...	...	11	4	53	...	...	...	166
6	4	...	2	27	11	8	173	162	2	24	2	2	10	34	480	66	52	41	167	
367	165	393	1034	1108	629	989	14168	13884	128	636	137	378	1414	1683	18753	166	1287	1884		

(*) Inclusive of 132 Mission Communicants. (†) Inclusive of 159 Mission Communicants. (‡) Inclusive of 194 Communicants.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	Brought forward				£	£	£		
168	London—Upper Norwood	1874	1874	L 80	7000	37191	4669	34836	14735
169	„ —Victoria Docks	1874	1881	L 85	3500	...	...	546	306
170	„ —Wandsworth..	1872	1877	F	5000	...	...	420	193
171	„ —Westbourne Grove	1861	1871	F	7300	...	...	650	196
172	„ —Whitefield	1873	1885	L 12	...	...	...	a ...	a ...
173	„ —Willesden	1875	1884	L 90	5500	2000	...	850	40
174	„ —Wimbledon	1884	vacant	*L 98	*2000	*970	...	540	450
175	„ —Wood Green	1875	¹⁸⁷⁵ F	F	7300	400	...	* 250	96
176	„ —Woolwich, New Road	1729	¹⁸⁷⁵ ¹⁸⁷⁹ F	F	5000	500	...	500	312
177	„ — „ St. Andrew's	1861	1880	L 70	4000	...	...	1100	289
178	Norwich...	1867	1881	F	†5000	...	1000	430	366
179	Portsmouth	1859	1885	L 989	5000	1650	...	650	320
180	Rangoon	1881	1887	F	750	...	450	520	210
181	Reading	1876	1884	F	4000	2850	...	350	free
182	St. Leonards—Silverhill	1853	1877	F	1800	...	...	650	206
183	„ —Warrior Square	1882	1882	F	6500	6029	...	260	67
184	Singapore	...	1883	...	3333	...	...	560	176
185	Southampton—St. Andrew's	1849	vacant	F	4000	...	...	165	678
186	„ —Totton	1876	1876	F	500	200	...	600	325
187	„ —Woolston	1874	vacant	F	4000	514	...	200	104
188	Wallington	1880	1880	...	...	...	...	386	74
	Five Preaching Stations	...	...	...	...	1030	20	300	119
					355473	54434	6139	45677	18727
MANCHESTER.									
189	Blackburn—Mount Street	1866	1874	L 922	1000	...	...	560	90
190	„ —St. George's	1809	1868	L 980	6000	†2482	...	1000	642
191	Bolton	1840	1882	F	2000	...	...	500	243
192	Bradford	1847	1879	F	3000	...	...	500	358
193	Crewe	1845	1882	F	2500	...	...	380	150
194	Leeds—Cavendish Road	1864	1884	F	5500	2325	...	600	248
195	„ —St. Columba	1853	1887	F	2300	120	...	350	120
196	Manchester—Ancoats	1839	1883	F	2000	...	...	650	free
197	„ —Bowdon	1868	1887	L 999	5000	...	...	400	free
198	„ —Brunswick Street	1798	1861	F	6000	...	...	644	343
199	„ —Eccles	1877	1880	F	400	...	...	200	68
200	„ —Grosvenor Square	1830	1884	F	6500	...	...	820	417
201	„ —Higher Broughton	1874	1877	C	6000	...	...	650	180
202	„ —Longsight...	1871	1887	F	4000	300	...	390	194
203	„ —Pendleton...	1871	1883	L	4000	...	...	550	189
204	„ —Sale	1874	1874	F	c 5500	...	...	600	236
205	„ —Salford	1845	1873	C	5000	200	...	800	163
206	„ —St. Andrew's	1846	1872	F	5000	...	...	800	378
207	„ —Trinity	1845	1886	F	4500	...	...	710	275
208	„ —Whalley Range	1849	1875	d P	7000	200	...	540	450
209	„ —Withington	1867	1882	L	5030	...	...	560	407
	Carried forward	...	...	...	88230	5627	...	12204	5151

(a) No return.

(*) Lecture Hall.

(†) Exclusive of £800 insured on Manse.

(b) No return having come to hand the figures for 1884 have been filled in.

(c) Exclusive of £1,500 insured on Manse.

(d) Subject to chief rent.

(‡) On Whalley Range Mission School, Blackburn.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

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							1886.	1885.													
367	165	393	1034	1108	629	989	14168	13884	128	636	137	378	1414	1683	18753	166	1287	1884			
6	...	11	10	28	7	1	246	216	2	5	1	...	25	13	80	...	...	35	168
4	...	6	2	23	2	29	151	157	4	12	3	...	11	30	420	...	...	30	169
6	4	...	22	24	9	21	217	201	3	7	1	10	30	22	425	...	45	10	170		
6	...	11	...	...	...	...	229	226	2	4	...	7	24	25	192	...	...	...	171
5	...	...	10	2	3	34	65	97	3	3	2	15	100	10	83	...	...	15	172
10	11	...	14	46	20	14	266	238	1	20	2	16	30	41	340	...	...	90	173
4	...	9	3	14	...	...	71	45	...	2	...	...	...	5	21	...	...	...	174
7	...	8	22	25	16	20	242	231	3	14	3	10	25	25	210	...	54	25	175		
6	6	...	11	8	4	5	232	222	7	31	5	8	28	34	403	...	67	117	176		
7	...	18	6	7	2	6	230	234	4	11	2	6	24	30	350	...	...	...	177
7	6	...	26	6	4	6	232	210	2	15	2	30	...	21	170	...	...	18	178
3	3	...	12	27	1	20	131	113	...	6	...	...	...	19	120	...	25	45	179
2	...	6	6	16	...	19	81	78	8	17	2	...	...	5	36	...	...	...	180
2	...	12	11	34	4	6	165	130	4	5	3	8	...	27	183	...	32	30	181		
4	...	8	10	3	...	4	85	76	...	...	1	14	...	16	186	...	20	10	182
3	...	6	11	21	12	8	152	140	4	5	3	4	22	14	135	...	23	31	183		
7	...	7	6	12	9	6	92	89	6	13	1	...	10	6	135	...	16	...	184		
5	3	...	8	24	6	27	251	252	3	11	3	10	32	32	295	...	28	...	185		
3	...	6	4	3	4	4	46	47	...	5	1	7	...	13	137	...	...	12	186
2	...	3	...	...	...	...	\$110	110	2	1	...	6	16	20	200	...	12	18	187
3	...	9	2	7	8	1	108	108	2	3	...	5	18	17	151	...	...	10	188
3	...	25	33	8	10	11	233	143	1	17	...	13	76	37	504	60	15	30			
472	195	538	1263	1446	750	1231	17812	17247	189	843	172	547	1885	2145	23429	226	1624	2416			
2	...	14	5	...	...	1	62	58	2	5	1	4	...	8	100	...	...	15	189
16	...	25	43	16	21	18	530	510	13	32	7	44	30	76	895	773	73	18	190		
9	...	12	3	5	12	3	285	290	4	20	...	5	4	26	227	...	30	23	191		
10	...	17	12	24	8	5	271	248	3	13	2	...	30	25	426	...	30	55	192		
3	...	6	10	4	3	8	125	122	3	6	2	6	12	18	201	830	...	28	193		
10	...	15	30	16	20	12	255	241	4	13	1	...	...	25	96	...	70	68	194
...	...	12	...	7	5	...	124	122	...	6	...	...	...	6	60	...	...	20	195
7	11	...	16	8	16	10	250	255	2	12	4	6	12	33	325	550	30	25	196		
4	...	8	...	2	4	21	99	118	...	5	4	2	10	9	145	...	...	...	197
9	...	15	30	27	2	27	1341	313	5	13	3	30	69	60	511	...	20	75	198		
2	...	7	4	4	5	66	73	76	...	3	...	...	13	15	104	...	25	...	199
10	9	...	13	12	4	35	324	399	3	11	9	25	82	42	502	...	33	...	200		
4	2	8	9	21	3	26	123	122	...	2	2	10	...	11	130	...	...	21	201
8	10	...	11	13	3	18	178	175	...	2	...	10	12	25	294	...	30	20	202		
7	...	12	15	14	7	21	203	202	3	13	3	28	...	30	331	150	28	21	203		
3	...	17	11	30	3	12	201	175	4	12	...	55	20	29	230	...	62	71	204		
8	16	...	4	18	2	49	189	218	5	11	2	12	6	31	305	80	24	26	205		
7	12	19	18	10	4	17	263	256	5	26	6	10	30	25	360	...	...	25	206
7	8	...	22	21	20	19	231	259	3	11	3	...	20	35	258	...	37	45	207		
11	...	20	13	27	33	17	328	338	...	13	8	14	17	49	339	...	50	40	208		
8	...	12	21	16	11	26	265	265	2	9	3	...	85	20	146	...	...	54	209
145	68	219	290	295	186	351	4720	4762	61	238	60	261	452	598	5985	2383	542	650			

(‡) Including 84 Mission Communicants.

(†) No return having come to hand the figures for 1884 have been filled in.

(\$) No return ; last year's figures inserted for comparison.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	Brought forward ...				£	£	£		
210	Oldham ...	1884	1886	...	88230	5627	...	12204	5151
211	Preston ...	1877	1877	F	500	...	...	250	190
212	Ramsbottom ...	1672	1874	L999	4000	200	...	650	197
213	Risley ...	1662	1885	F	1000	...	...	150	22
214	Rochdale ...	1866	1884	L981	4000	...	...	850	345
215	Sheffield ...	1854	1885	L768	4300	...	...	470	290
216	Warrington ...	1854	1877	L920	3000	...	...	450	115
217	Wharton ...	1662	1862	F	1785	...	...	300	233
218	Wigan ...	1777	1881	F	4000	1600	...	620	184
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	F	...	...	...	150	free
					110815	7427		16094	6727
	NEWCASTLE.								
219	Bellingham ...	1806	1871	F	2200	...	...	250	180
220	Blackhill ...	1857	1869	C	2500	...	...	350	191
221	Blyth—Bridge Street ...	1820	1861	P	500	205	...	450	...
222	" —Waterloo Road ...	1777	1885	F	4000	600	...	500	285
223	Durham ...	1872	vacant	F	2500	...	...	380	102
224	Falstone ...	1709	1882	F	500	...	...	270	179
225	Forest Hall ...	1869	1887	F	1000	400	...	350	86
226	Gateshead—Durham Road ...	1869	1876	F	6000	2480	...	850	310
227	" —Ellison Street ...	1783	1885	F	1000	...	...	450	194
228	Gosforth ...	1877	vacant	F	1200	...	...	280	110
229	Hebburn ...	1869	1882	L 77	7000	...	...	725	200
230	Hexham ...	1762	1856	F	2100	...	...	362	free
231	Houghton-le-Spring ...	1825	1869	F	3000	602	...	400	139
232	Jarrow—Ellison Street ...	1852	1857	L 77	4800	...	...	920	400
233	" —St. Kilda's ...	1872	1886	L 89	2000	400	...	582	free
234	Newcastle—Barras Bridge ...	1744	1834 1876	F	4000	250	...	700	663
235	" Blackett Street ...	1743	1863	F	5000	*39	...	650	630
236	" —Erskine ...	1853	1857	F	1500	...	...	365	174
237	" —Heaton ...	1877	1878	F	300	...	...	184	114
238	" —John Knox ...	1708	1882	F	4175	...	...	616	439
239	" —St. George's ...	1851	1854	F	2900	300	...	610	†...
240	" —Trinity ...	1765	1875	F	4000	...	...	794	753
241	" —Westmoreland Road ...	1801	1872	F	5000	700	...	750	451
242	North Shields—Howard Street ...	1662	1873	F	2500	...	...	600	400
243	" —Northumberland Square ...	1779	1882	F	3700	400	...	618	423
244	Seaham ...	1881	1882	L 72	2000	511	...	300	156
245	Seaton Burn ...	1873	1874	L 63	800	...	...	250	80
246	Seaton Delaval ...	1845	1857	F	1000	...	...	400	210
247	South Shields—Laygate ...	1849	1862	F	3550	...	...	500	free
248	" —Mile End Road ...	1758	1867	F	2500	...	...	520	210
249	" —St. John's ...	1694	1870	F	4000	...	...	630	340
	Carried forward ...				87225	6887	...	15006	7419

(*) Debt paid off subject to an annuity of £30 and another of £9.

(†) No return.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number Lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1886.	1885.											
145	68	219	290	295	186	351	4720	4762	61	238	60	261	452	598	5985	2388	542	650	
...	...	14	3	7	...	1	39	30	...	1	1	...	20	11	85	...	24	...	210
6	...	24	31	24	11	24	250	230	6	25	6	6	...	23	233	...	...	44	211
5	...	3	4	1	2	1	115	117	3	4	1	8	23	18	218	73	...	20	212
4	...	10	2	1	...	...	21	17	...	3	...	...	...	4	44	113	...	...	213
9	...	12	4	8	...	3	121	126	3	5	2	...	...	28	298	...	...	...	214
6	...	15	22	50	9	23	255	215	3	15	...	12	112	30	265	...	60	45	215
2	...	8	5	5	...	7	80	77	2	2	2	5	...	13	147	...	...	8	216
4	...	16	1	3	1	2	81	80	3	8	2	4	...	28	213	258	...	...	217
7	4	...	6	14	13	7	179	174	4	8	...	24	...	25	338	517	25	...	218
1	...	4	1	...	1	2	21	21	...	2	...	...	...	6	61	...	...	7	
189	72	325	369	408	231	421	5882	5849	85	311	74	320	607	784	7887	3344	651	774	
6	...	12	1	3	5	4	140	145	2	8	2	9	...	4	45	...	...	17	219
4	...	13	6	6	9	2	185	184	2	15	2	...	...	15	115	...	...	31	220
...	...	5	4	2	1	2	65	90	...	6	2	...	...	10	50	...	...	...	221
8	...	7	20	10	2	9	247	228	7	19	4	12	...	32	303	...	...	28	222
5	...	6	6	30	6	19	139	159	...	5	1	...	...	9	85	...	...	...	223
7	...	10	2	...	...	1	161	160	2	10	1	...	...	5	34	158	...	7	224
3	1	5	2	1	1	3	52	53	...	2	...	...	...	7	51	...	...	...	225
8	...	15	14	13	8	16	378	375	8	20	2	...	...	22	230	...	25	17	226
9	6	...	16	11	7	47	270	295	3	17	3	...	...	31	311	...	14	12	227
4	...	10	2	19	10	10	88	87	...	...	3	...	...	11	80	...	...	...	228
6	7	...	2	16	18	19	232	251	...	27	4	10	...	19	252	...	32	44	229
8	...	12	16	24	20	4	225	209	2	1	2	...	...	15	123	...	52	8	230
9	...	15	9	...	11	3	125	130	3	8	3	...	...	14	119	...	...	19	231
14	...	12	29	13	16	22	514	510	4	33	7	...	...	52	558	...	40	14	232
2	...	9	12	3	2	7	96	90	...	9	2	...	...	14	111	...	25	40	233
15	...	11	19	19	23	17	511	513	4	32	17	10	...	56	458	...	100	44	234
15	...	20	24	24	18	46	577	593	9	18	7	...	25	77	836	...	...	37	235
8	...	15	26	30	12	6	226	201	2	14	...	9	...	32	316	...	...	...	236
2	...	9	12	12	8	4	120	108	1	14	2	...	...	19	260	...	...	12	237
16	12	...	32	20	26	36	518	522	7	33	12	12	43	44	394	...	50	136	238
9	...	15	7	11	10	18	302	312	3	18	4	9	10	17	122	...	50	30	239
15	28	...	70	32	27	34	1938	897	9	35	13	37	23	79	737	...	70	180	240
17	...	29	22	36	12	33	556	543	...	27	11	19	15	69	923	...	...	...	241
8	8	...	13	7	13	35	339	367	5	12	10	9	40	22	234	320	30	62	242
9	...	12	16	11	15	12	330	330	5	8	8	1	20	26	255	...	...	47	243
6	...	6	6	9	2	6	98	91	...	5	1	4	...	15	182	...	...	...	244
3	...	12	2	6	6	5	98	98	...	8	3	...	...	8	160	...	...	...	245
6	6	...	4	2	3	1	119	117	2	8	1	...	...	3	30	190	...	17	246
13	12	...	30	14	...	22	399	377	6	19	10	2	45	49	687	...	74	23	247
5	...	15	19	13	9	4	219	200	1	10	5	...	20	23	255	...	40	38	248
7	9	...	24	12	3	31	328	326	7	23	4	...	16	33	340	585	...	25	249
247	89	275	467	415	303	478	8595	8561	94	476	144	143	257	832	8656	1253	602	888	

(†) Inclusive of 53 Mission Communicants.

(†) Inclusive of 102 Mission Communicants.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.									
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
					£	£	£		
	Brought forward ...				87225	6887	...	15006	7419
250	South Shields—St. Paul's ...	1778	1884	F	2300	...	...	550	265
251	Stamfordham ...	1741	1884	L	500	...	...	200	free
252	Sunderland—Millfield ...	1885	1885	F	600	...	...	...	...
253	„ —North Bridge Street ...	1777	1886	F	1200	...	...	438	178
254	„ —St. George's ...	1711	1886	C	3000	...	...	650	540
255	„ —St. Stephen's ...	1827	1880	P	2000	...	...	450	124
256	„ —Smyrna ...	1765	¹⁸³⁵ 1878	C	1500	...	...	500	250
257	„ —Trinity ...	1821	1876	L	4500	300	...	700	518
258	Swalwell ...	1733	vacant	F	1000	...	100	250	58
259	Walker ...	1842	1883	L 54	*3400	...	...	380	172
260	Wallsend ...	1846	1879	L950	400	...	...	280	187
261	Wark ...	1790	1885	F	1800	...	...	180	100
262	Willington Quay ...	1877	1877	L 54	1800	...	...	354	120
					111225	7187	100	19938	9931
NORTHUMBERLAND.									
263	Alnwick—Clayport Street ...	1753	1851	F	1600	...	...	600	250
264	„ —Lisburn Street ...	1837	1843	F	1000	...	...	380	146
265	„ —St. James's ...	1689	1880	F	1600	...	100	450	410
266	Bavington ...	1672	1853	F	1200	...	...	230	132
267	Bedlington ...	1843	1885	F	650	...	...	170	96
268	Birdhopecraig ...	1672	1875	L 38	500	...	...	450	149
269	Branton ...	1701	1835	F	1050	...	...	500	255
270	Embleton ...	1833	1880	L 8	...	...	...	340	200
271	Felton ...	1819	1881	L 32	†...	...	100	300	160
272	Ganton ...	1783	1865	F	1150	...	...	410	302
273	Harbottle ...	1713	1871	F	400	...	...	450	232
274	Longframlington... ..	1662	1862	F	...	...	...	200	52
275	Morpeth ...	1693	1883	F	3550	...	...	850	450
276	Newbiggin ...	1863	1885	F	...	...	...	250	130
277	North Middleton ...	1817	1872	L 927	...	...	...	240	116
278	North Sunderland ...	1808	1870	C	600	...	...	360	209
279	Otterburn ...	1831	1872	F	600	100	...	155	123
280	Thropton ...	1799	1849	F	800	...	...	300	140
281	Warenford ...	1751	1867	P	...	...	...	330	214
282	Warkworth ...	1826	1871	F	800	...	...	300	190
283	Widdrington ...	1765	1845	F	750	...	...	300	146
284	Wooler—Cheviot Street ...	1702	¹⁸³³ 1884	F	1000	...	...	420	328
285	„ —Tower Hill ...	1764	1880	†L	1400	...	...	420	120
286	„ —West Chapel... ..	1729	1885	F	700	...	...	560	280
					19350	100	200	8965	4830

(*) Exclusive of £1,400 insured on Manse.

(†) £500 insured on Manse.

(‡) Manse Freehold.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1886.	1885.											
247	89	275	467	415	303	478	8595	8561	94	476	144	143	257	832	8656	1253	602	888	
12	...	12	11	15	10	10	298	292	3	18	4	...	...	34	400	...	29	50	250
4	...	8	2	5	5	4	70	72	...	5	2	...	...	5	57	...	...	12	251
6	...	12	12	12	4	4	111	98	...	7	2	6	...	17	210	...	12	11	252
5	4	...	14	5	4	4	163	152	1	5	...	7	15	25	274	...	17	...	253
9	9	...	30	5	...	...	440	566	...	...	...	...	40	73	1003	...	50	95	254
15	...	12	14	7	7	13	134	133	2	7	5	...	13	17	212	...	...	14	255
4	...	18	7	5	8	9	221	226	...	10	3	...	...	30	290	...	...	25	256
11	...	15	16	22	5	4	374	345	4	20	2	11	24	36	430	...	40	72	257
6	...	10	20	4	8	62	70	117	...	2	...	12	...	16	125	...	...	30	258
5	...	12	9	6	10	5	187	187	2	13	...	4	...	38	356	...	...	12	259
6	...	12	9	10	20	31	183	215	...	10	4	7	12	24	240	...	15	...	260
4	...	4	5	19	1	2	110	89	2	4	2	...	...	11	108	...	...	15	261
3	...	12	3	5	17	2	130	41	1	7	1	1	...	21	206	...	1	20	262
337	102	402	619	535	402	628	11086	11194	109	584	169	191	361	1179	12567	1253	777	1244	
7	...	9	2	3	10	30	185	220	2	5	6	...	...	12	60	...	...	25	263
7	...	12	4	1	5	7	127	132	2	6	2	5	...	13	114	...	...	12	264
13	...	14	21	43	33	18	386	373	12	21	12	6	...	16	130	...	...	16	265
4	...	4	...	2	3	6	95	102	...	5	6	...	...	4	36	28	...	...	266
5	...	9	8	3	5	5	115	114	...	10	2	...	...	24	154	...	31	22	267
6	...	6	11	5	8	3	118	113	...	9	2	6	...	5	73	...	...	20	268
4	5	...	22	...	...	...	238	225	...	...	...	...	...	7	105	54	...	14	269
4	...	4	6	35	36	4	204	203	3	8	...	9	...	7	70	...	...	22	270
3	...	10	8	12	15	6	133	134	...	7	3	...	...	6	50	...	12	...	271
6	5	...	10	18	21	11	230	234	1	26	11	12	...	12	137	...	...	13	272
5	...	10	13	4	6	2	215	206	4	7	2	10	...	8	51	...	...	10	273
2	...	7	1	4	2	3	56	56	...	6	3	3	...	10	91	...	...	...	274
9	7	...	10	30	3	12	317	292	3	18	4	14	30	30	350	216	40	26	275
6	1	1	14	3	31	1	118	133	...	4	1	...	...	18	182	...	...	...	276
6	6	...	...	2	...	2	90	90	...	6	2	...	...	3	30	...	...	...	277
9	...	15	7	30	41	3	226	233	2	9	3	14	...	5	38	...	...	9	278
5	...	8	3	...	4	11	107	119	...	6	1	...	...	4	25	...	...	...	279
3	...	2	4	3	3	13	137	146	2	6	4	...	...	6	49	...	...	...	280
7	5	1	15	46	42	7	200	188	...	10	3	14	...	6	55	...	16	25	281
4	...	10	4	14	14	6	206	208	2	17	3	...	...	5	41	...	...	...	282
3	4	...	7	...	...	8	155	155	4	12	8	...	...	5	60	...	...	...	283
7	...	10	3	20	27	5	315	324	...	15	5	...	...	9	117	...	...	18	284
3	...	12	2	24	14	2	142	132	1	6	2	...	...	5	45	...	...	18	285
6	7	...	5	38	21	14	260	252	1	11	2	6	...	12	93	111	...	32	286
134	40	144	180	340	344	179	4375	4384	39	230	87	99	30	232	2156	409	99	282	

SUMMARY.—I. CONGREGATIONAL.

PRESBYTERIES.	CHURCHES.				OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								
	Number of Congregations.	Amount Insured.	Debt.		Number of Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.	Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapses, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.
			Church.	Manse.										1886.	1885.										
Berwick ...	15	20450	£ 600	980	7156	3789	96	41	99	156	390	426	145	3990	4011	29	225	82	120	177	186	1623	326	38	393
Birmingham ...	15	50350	4692	...	7814	1769	61	8	156	87	88	60	133	1641	1625	16	84	21	112	195	326	3005	...	259	271
Bristol ...	9	38760	3165	500	5707	2233	48	5	84	146	110	81	77	1499	1397	22	90	22	63	248	210	1988	...	162	223
Carlisle ...	14	16810	150	404	5014	1983	68	15	127	126	98	96	98	2085	2058	18	153	16	77	91	322	2718	20	70	237
Darlington ...	20	56300	11127	1000	9680	2035	112	42	146	203	104	112	193	3053	3040	27	158	28	136	147	491	4928	...	200	349
Liverpool ...	34	160790	4384	350	20697	9751	220	68	342	451	594	388	464	10358	10216	81	505	117	451	1114	1335	15403	1940	745	1394
London ...	81	355473	54434	6139	45677	18727	472	195	538	1263	1446	750	1231	17812	17247	189	843	172	547	1885	2145	23429	226	1624	2416
Manchester &c...	30	110815	7427	...	16094	6727	189	72	325	369	408	231	421	5882	5849	85	311	74	320	607	784	7887	3344	651	774
Newcastle ...	44	111225	7187	100	19938	9931	337	102	402	619	535	402	628	11086	11194	109	584	169	191	361	1179	12567	1253	777	1244
Northumberland	24	19350	100	200	8965	4830	134	40	144	180	340	344	179	4375	4384	39	230	87	99	30	232	2156	409	99	282
	286	940223	93266	9673	146742	61775	1737	588	2363	3600	4113	2890	3569	61781	61021	615	3183	789	2116	4855	7210	75704	7518	4625	7583

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART II
FINANCIAL.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Poor Congregational Missions, &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.					Total.
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec-tions, &c.									
	PRESBYTERIES.												
	BERWICK.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1	Ancroft Moor	33	6	47	...	86	85	171	*155	80 0 0	1 10 0	...	
2	Beaumont	130	13	25	...	168	5	173	*200	135 0 0	3 8 9	...	
3	Belford	92	8	54	6	160	...	160	*200	130 0 0	3 2 6	...	
4	Berwick—Bank Hill ...	92	16	114	10	232	4	236	*200	200 0 0	3 13 6	...	
5	„ —Church Street...	Free	...	268	32	300	246	546	225	...	4 15 3	...	
6	„ —Wallace Green ...	450	...	359	552	1361	...	1361	*500	61 0 0	17 0 0	61 0 0	
7	Chatton	93	20	62	4	179	...	179	*200	160 0 0	3 6 6	...	
8	Crookham	68	22	16	...	106	47	153	*155	90 3 1	2 4 6	...	
9	Etal... ..	80	15	40	10	145	...	145	*200	120 0 0	2 12 9	...	
10	Horncliffe	60	8	49	...	117	...	117	*200	105 0 0	2 5 6	...	
11	Lowick	67	23	30	1	121	...	121	*200	115 0 0	2 6 0	...	
12	Norham—North	66	19	41	...	126	21	147	*200	108 0 0	2 6 0	...	
13	„ —South	58	11	55	...	124	...	124	*200	105 0 0	1 18 6	...	
14	Spittal	116	...	153	15	289	15	304	*200	...	4 15 6	...	
15	Tweedmouth	70	11	32	...	113	13	126	*200	84 4 6	2 4 6	...	
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	86	...	86	...	86	80	...	...	...
		1475	172	1436	630	3713	436	4149	3315	1493 7 7	57 9 9	61 0 0	
	BIRMINGHAM.												
16	Birmingham—Broad Street	62	29	150	21	262	66	328	205	205 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0	
17	„ —Camp Hill...	106	39	200	39	384	...	384	200	200 10 0	4 13 0	...	
18	„ —New John St.	46	52	84	11	193	63	256	200	130 0 0	2 7 0	...	
19	„ —Smeethwick...	Free	9	104	12	125	7	132	155	61 15 6	2 7 0	...	
20	Burton-on-Trent	61	...	199	28	288	...	288	200	...	2 17 0	...	
21	Derby	59	43	203	5	310	2	312	200	200 0 0	2 17 0	...	
22	Dudley	25	10	108	38	181	...	181	200	80 0 0	2 7 0	...	
23	Hanley	66	40	125	25	256	10	266	*200	150 0 0	2 17 0	...	
24	Leicester	89	30	151	6	276	...	276	200	130 0 0	2 17 0	...	
25	Nottingham	183	93	208	164	648	331	979	385	215 0 0	5 0 0	15 0 0	
26	Shrewsbury	Free	28	98	10	136	30	166	155	109 6 8	2 7 0	...	
27	Stafford	50	18	151	8	227	2	229	*200	180 0 0	2 17 0	...	
28	Walsall	48	16	244	20	328	20	348	230	...	2 7 0	...	
29	Wolverhampton	134	24	192	30	380	...	380	*300	210 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	
30	Worcester	72	14	111	3	200	79	279	*200	125 0 0	2 7 0	...	
		1001	445	2328	420	4194	610	4804	3230	1996 2 2	47 0 0	30 0 0	
	BRISTOL.												
31	Aberdare	17	35	185	4	241	40	281	200	125 0 0	2 0 0	...	
32	Bristol	290	...	248	58	596	56	652	400	14 0 0	6 0 0	14 0 0	
33	Cardiff	306	80	234	173	793	49	842	*400	250 0 0	6 0 0	50 0 0	
34	Cheltenham	168	16	268	118	570	787	1357	*350	225 0 0	6 0 0	25 0 0	
35	Gloucester	89	55	216	21	381	56	437	250	212 11 0	4 10 0	12 11 0	
36	Plymouth	146	18	122	149	435	350	785	360	210 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	
37	Swansea	116	49	509	41	715	230	945	300	205 0 0	4 10 0	5 0 0	
38	Swindon	34	34	102	22	192	295	487	200	125 0 0	2 0 0	...	
39	Torquay	201	147	257	223	828	223	1051	*450	260 0 0	6 0 0	60 0 0	
		1367	434	2141	809	4751	2086	6837	910	1626 11 0	42 0 0	176 11 0	

FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
						1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
0 8 0	1 1 11	0 8 0	0 7 6	0 12 0	0 7 6	3 4 11	3 18 7	174 8 11	88 18 7	1
2 8 8	3 7 9	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	0 12 0	8 8 5	12 14 4	181 8 5	168 14 4	2
0 13 4	2 19 4	0 7 3	...	0 6 10	0 9 2	4 15 11	3 6 7	164 15 11	165 6 7	3
1 0 0	7 18 2	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	11 18 2	16 14 3	247 18 2	260 14 3	4
1 1 0	6 9 6	2 2 0	1 0 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	12 14 6	8 11 0	553 14 6	1078 11 0	5
30 0 0	127 19 8	5 0 0	5 0 0	13 0 0	10 10 0	252 9 8	314 8 11	1613 9 8	1639 8 11	6
1 0 0	2 0 0	1 0 0	...	0 10 0	...	4 10 0	4 10 0	183 10 0	183 10 0	7
0 5 6	2 3 6	0 6 3	0 4 0	0 5 6	0 11 0	3 15 9	3 10 9	156 15 1	138 10 9	8
0 10 0	0 10 0	...	...	...	...	1 0 0	2 16 0	146 0 0	159 16 0	9
0 6 0	0 8 2	0 5 6	...	0 5 0	0 12 7	1 17 3	1 1 6	118 17 3	118 1 6	10
0 9 10	...	...	...	...	...	0 9 10	0 8 7	121 9 10	116 8 7	11
0 12 0	3 16 11	0 12 0	...	...	...	5 0 11	3 6 10	152 0 11	149 6 10	12
1 1 0	2 8 3	...	0 10 0	0 12 3	0 10 0	5 1 6	7 7 0	129 1 6	135 7 0	13
2 0 0	6 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	1 0 0	10 0 0	10 10 0	314 0 0	314 10 0	14
...	...	...	...	...	0 14 0	0 14 0	0 14 0	126 14 0	127 14 0	15
1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	1 0 0	...	87 0 0	95 0 0	
42 15 4	167 3 2	13 1 0	9 1 6	16 12 7	17 7 3	327 0 10	393 18 4	4476 0 10	4939 18 4	
3 10 0	5 0 0	...	...	1 10 0	...	15 0 0	...	343 0 0	326 0 0	16
3 0 0	14 18 8	1 10 0	1 10 0	...	...	20 18 8	20 10 0	404 18 8	512 10 0	17
1 1 0	13 14 11	0 10 6	0 10 6	1 0 0	1 17 0	18 13 11	16 19 3	274 13 11	207 19 3	18
0 14 0	3 18 6	...	...	...	...	4 12 6	8 16 3	136 12 6	155 16 3	19
0 18 3	9 18 3	...	...	...	...	10 16 6	3 17 3	298 16 6	292 17 3	20
...	...	2 0 0	...	...	...	2 0 0	2 4 6	314 0 0	325 4 6	21
...	4 0 3	...	...	...	...	4 0 3	4 2 4	185 0 3	151 2 4	22
...	25 13 9	...	...	...	...	25 13 9	14 6 4	291 13 9	294 6 4	23
...	5 9 6	...	...	...	...	5 9 6	8 0 0	281 9 6	252 0 0	24
6 0 0	44 16 8	2 7 8	...	2 7 8	1 0 0	71 12 0	68 2 10	1050 12 0	674 2 10	25
0 18 6	4 8 2	...	1 1 0	0 10 6	0 10 6	7 8 8	2 9 8	173 8 8	110 9 8	26
0 10 6	8 0 10	...	...	0 10 6	...	9 1 10	7 8 0	238 1 10	298 8 0	27
3 0 0	7 5 6	...	...	1 10 0	...	11 15 6	11 18 4	359 15 6	422 18 4	28
9 9 0	6 0 0	1 1 0	...	2 2 0	3 3 0	31 15 0	39 14 1	411 15 0	463 14 1	29
0 10 0	8 18 9	0 10 0	1 5 0	0 15 0	0 10 0	12 8 9	14 6 3	291 8 9	169 6 3	30
29 11 3	162 3 9	7 19 2	4 6 6	10 5 8	7 0 6	251 6 10	222 15 1	5055 6 10	4656 15 1	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	281 0 0	319 0 0	31
5 0 0	39 14 1	2 2 0	2 2 0	2 0 0	0 13 10	65 11 11	81 3 8	717 11 11	827 3 8	32
5 0 0	54 6 9	3 0 0	2 0 0	11 0 0	2 0 0	127 6 9	130 5 8	969 6 9	1099 5 8	33
8 0 0	37 3 2	10 1 0	...	6 5 9	...	86 9 11	77 12 4	1443 9 11	2041 12 4	34
3 5 0	22 10 5	1 0 0	...	2 3 5	...	41 9 10	31 16 0	478 9 10	411 16 0	35
...	0 15 0	3 10 0	...	...	...	14 5 0	28 19 6	799 5 0	468 19 6	36
7 0 0	30 0 0	3 0 0	1 5 10	1 0 0	2 0 0	49 5 10	30 5 6	994 5 10	417 5 6	37
1 0 0	1 5 0	0 10 0	...	1 0 0	0 5 0	4 0 0	...	491 0 0	423 0 0	38
10 3 8	136 3 9	11 2 6	3 16 0	5 15 4	3 2 0	230 3 3	325 8 7	1281 3 3	1611 8 7	39
39 8 8	321 18 2	34 5 6	9 3 10	29 4 6	8 0 10	618 12 6	705 11 3	7455 12 6	7619 11 3	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.													
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor Congregational Missions &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustainment Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustainment Fund Aid-giving.	
		Sect Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.									
	CARLISLE.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
40	Bewcastle	Free	61	42	...	103	...	103	*155	100 0 0	1 4 2	...	
41	Brampton	31	11	66	...	108	...	108	155	86 13 0	1 9 9	...	
42	Carlisle—Fisher Street	184	...	378	204	766	111	877	*350	260 13 8	7 9 5	50 13 8	
43	„ —Warwick Road ..	...	...	319	35	354	124	478	*240	210 0 0	4 19 2	10 0 0
44	Cleator Moor	56	22	101	3	182	...	182	200	160 0 0	2 1 9	...	
45	Haltwhistle	2	11	74	...	87	...	87	*155	80 0 0	1 0 0	...	
46	Harrington	82	25	128	6	241	...	241	212	200 0 0	3 1 1	...	
47	Maryport—Crosby Street	80	32	73	19	204	4	208	200	140 6 0	2 8 6	...	
48	„ —John Street ...	49	31	59	4	143	...	143	177	114 10 1	2 3 5	...	
49	Penrith	29	29	146	10	214	...	214	200	137 0 0	1 16 0	...	
50	Silloth ... ..	...	38	60	1	99	...	99	166	71 0 0	1 7 11	...
51	Whitehaven—High Street	33	36	74	...	143	...	143	200	120 0 0	1 17 7	...	
52	„ —Market Place	121	3	156	24	304	18	322	230	210 0 0	4 3 0	10 0 0	
53	Workington	86	25	128	8	247	...	247	210	211 10 3	2 18 3	11 10 3	
	Three Preaching Stations	...	12	164	1	177	...	177	*230	...	...	...
	DARLINGTON.	753	336	1968	315	3372	257	3629	3050	2101 7 6	38 0 0	92 3 11	
54	Bishop Auckland ...	Free	170	49	...	219	...	219	*200	170 0 0	2 8 6	...	
55	Crook	Free	59	85	...	144	9	153	*200	107 5 0	1 14 6	...	
56	Darlington... ..	110	67	132	32	341	...	341	275	205 0 0	5 8 6	5 0 0	
57	Grimsby	30	27	244	8	309	...	309	200	155 0 0	3 1 0	...	
58	Harrogate	45	18	229	1	293	9	302	230	...	2 14 6	...	
59	Hartlepool	70	60	170	9	309	...	309	200	155 0 0	3 12 6	...	
60	Hull—Holderness Road	Free	39	196	5	240	...	240	200	150 0 0	3 2 6	...	
61	„ —Prospect Street	Free	...	759	307	1063	170	1236	*500	183 7 6	7 10 6	33 7 6	
62	„ —Spring Bank	Free	87	146	5	238	66	304	*200	125 0 0	3 3 6	...	
63	Middlesbro—Newport Rd.	42	48	126	3	219	...	219	*200	175 0 0	2 18 0	...	
64	„ —Trinity	74	57	166	5	302	14	316	200	200 0 0	3 12 6	...	
65	Mount Pleasant ...	39	28	97	10	174	...	174	*200	130 0 0	2 3 6	...	
66	Redcar	60	36	103	...	199	88	287	200	175 0 0	2 3 6	...	
67	Scarborough	17	...	102	...	119	...	119	112	...	1 16 6	...	
68	Stockton—St. Andrew's	117	105	96	42	360	...	360	*250	210 0 0	4 14 6	10 0 0	
69	„ —St. George's ...	70	34	167	22	293	77	370	205	200 0 0	2 14 6	...	
70	Tow Law	Free	40	55	5	100	10	110	*162	80 0 0	1 11 6	...	
71	West Hartlepool ...	85	36	196	14	331	...	331	200	167 7 1	3 12 6	...	
72	Whitby	34	17	104	13	168	1396	1564	150	80 0 0	2 3 6	...	
73	York	46	35	153	11	245	...	245	200	...	2 10 6	...	
	LIVERPOOL.	839	963	3375	492	5669	1839	7508	4314	2667 19 7	62 17 0	48 7 6	
74	Barrow-in-Furness ...	157	...	157	49	363	13	376	250	...	2 5 0	...	
75	Birkenhead—Egremont	352	...	326	702	1380	150	1530	500	260 0 0	12 7 0	60 0 0	
76	„ —Grange Road	412	...	436	364	1212	105	1317	600	73 14 0	13 5 0	73 14 0	
77	„ —Hamilton ...	92	50	122	28	292	280	572	*205	202 10 0	1 10 0	2 10 0	
78	„ —Rock Ferry	235	94	208	381	918	...	918	393	210 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	
79	„ —St. Andrew's	239	117	198	33	587	15	602	500	225 0 0	19 0 0	25 0 0	
80	„ —St. Paul's ...	193	30	252	103	578	130	708	336	200 0 0	3 8 0	...	
81	„ —Trinity	606	2	376	482	1466	...	1466	700	423 0 0	18 7 6	223 0 0	
82	„ —West Kirby...	Free	...	242	27	269	...	269	183	...	...	...
83	Bootle—Peel Road ...	223	...	204	14	411	...	411	350	...	2 0 0	...	
84	„ —Trinity	410	...	308	301	1019	115	1134	600	8 0 0	11 10 0	8 0 0	
	Carried forward ...	2919	293	2829	2484	8525	808	9333	4617	1602 4 0	87 12 6	102 4 0	

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.												GRAND TOTAL.				No.
Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.		Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.				
							1886.	1885.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
0 10 0	0 13 7	1 3 7	2 14 3	104 3 7	105 14 3	40					
...	2 10 4	0 10 0	3 0 4	2 16 6	111 0 4	131 16 6	41					
14 0 0	33 0 0	8 10 0	5 10 0	10 0 0	5 10 10	137 4 6	128 18 3	1014 4 6	877 18 3	42						
7 5 0	19 6 11	5 5 3	1 0 0	2 0 0	1 0 0	45 17 2	49 17 1	523 17 2	559 17 1	43						
...	4 7 6	...	...	...	...	4 7 6	4 15 0	186 7 6	198 15 0	44		
0 8 0	0 12 0	...	...	...	...	1 0 0	0 17 6	88 0 0	101 17 5	45		
...	2 10 2	...	...	0 17 6	...	3 7 8	5 0 5	244 7 8	372 0 0	46				
1 0 0	6 3 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	8 3 0	7 0 0	216 3 0	219 0 0	47				
1 19 7	6 6 1	0 10 0	...	0 11 8	...	9 7 4	9 14 10	152 7 4	160 14 10	48						
1 10 8	11 15 1	1 10 4	1 6 2	1 8 9	1 3 4	18 14 4	7 7 2	232 14 4	169 7 2	49						
1 0 0	0 4 1	...	...	...	...	1 4 1	...	100 4 1	109 0 0	50		
0 7 0	1 5 6	0 15 6	...	...	...	2 8 0	3 15 0	145 8 0	161 15 0	51			
3 7 4	24 0 6	2 14 1	...	1 18 3	0 10 0	42 10 2	49 6 2	364 10 2	396 6 2	52						
...	3 8 3	...	...	2 6 0	...	17 4 6	21 0 3	264 4 6	292 0 3	53				
0 15 6	4 5 5	...	...	...	...	5 0 11	...	182 0 11	132 0 0			
32 3 1	120 8 5	19 15 2	7 16 2	20 2 2	8 4 2	300 13 1	293 2 5	3929 13 1	3988 2 5							
0 10 0	1 19 3	...	...	...	...	2 9 3	8 1 4	221 9 3	245 1 4	54		
...	1 15 0	...	...	...	...	1 15 0	3 11 5	154 15 0	151 11 5	55		
2 0 0	3 3 0	2 10 0	...	1 11 10	...	14 4 10	35 5 4	355 4 10	406 5 4	56						
1 0 0	12 3 3	1 0 0	...	...	0 5 0	14 8 3	20 2 2	323 8 3	398 2 2	57				
...	7 6 4	...	...	...	...	7 6 4	1 15 2	309 6 4	1593 15 2	58		
3 0 0	5 13 6	...	...	...	...	8 13 6	4 4 2	317 13 6	414 4 2	59		
...	...	0 7 0	...	...	...	0 7 0	6 18 6	240 7 0	227 18 6	60			
5 19 10	287 7 5	12 14 5	7 14 5	7 7 2	3 11 0	358 1 9	323 13 9	1594 1 9	1636 13 9	61						
...	6 9 0	...	...	1 2 0	...	7 11 0	10 10 9	311 11 0	621 10 9	62				
0 17 3	11 14 2	0 15 9	0 16 0	0 14 9	1 4 0	16 1 11	13 13 5	235 1 11	286 13 5	63						
2 3 0	9 11 9	...	...	...	...	11 14 9	11 3 2	327 14 9	316 3 2	64		
1 15 0	7 6 6	...	...	1 15 0	1 16 3	12 12 9	18 14 3	186 12 9	215 14 3	65				
1 0 0	5 14 6	...	...	...	...	6 14 6	3 4 7	293 14 6	225 4 7	66		
1 1 4	...	...	...	...	...	1 1 4	...	120 1 4	98 0 0	67	
5 13 9	18 10 3	1 13 6	1 19 5	3 17 2	...	41 14 1	44 4 2	401 14 1	445 4 2	68						
1 19 0	2 19 0	...	...	...	...	4 18 0	7 0 0	374 18 0	310 0 0	69		
...	6 19 6	...	...	0 11 4	...	7 10 10	5 14 6	117 10 10	257 14 6	70				
1 10 0	6 6 0	...	...	2 0 0	...	9 16 0	12 3 9	340 16 0	343 3 9	71				
0 10 6	0 15 0	...	...	...	...	1 5 6	2 0 0	1565 5 6	301 0 0	72		
...	7 0 0	...	...	...	...	7 0 0	7 16 6	252 0 0	288 16 6	73		
28 19 8	402 13 5	19 0 8	10 9 10	18 19 3	6 16 3	535 6 7	539 16 11	8043 6 7	8782 16 11							
1 10 0	14 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	18 10 0	28 1 2	394 10 0	404 1 2	74						
8 12 6	39 11 2	...	...	6 16 0	...	114 13 8	133 14 1	1644 13 8	1540 14 1	75				
11 6 1	77 17 2	7 4 0	5 5 0	5 0 0	2 0 0	182 6 3	212 14 5	1499 6 3	1428 14 5	76						
1 10 0	14 0 4	1 10 0	1 5 0	1 0 0	1 13 4	23 8 8	21 7 4	595 8 8	409 7 4	77						
3 2 6	47 9 8	10 11 0	2 1 6	3 1 6	0 13 9	76 19 11	47 4 7	994 19 11	888 4 7	78						
...	15 10 5	3 0 0	1 0 0	2 2 3	1 8 6	48 1 2	33 6 11	650 1 2	765 6 11	79						
...	10 18 7	...	...	...	...	10 18 7	8 0 2	718 13 7	655 0 2	80		
67 18 3	162 12 11	10 8 0	16 18 9	33 7 10	4 9 3	518 15 0	575 9 9	1984 15 0	2229 9 9	81						
...	11 4 7	...	...	...	...	11 4 7	27 0 6	280 4 7	272 0 6	82		
1 0 0	5 10 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	7 10 0	7 0 6	448 10 0	762 0 6	83			
3 0 0	46 14 1	...	...	...	...	57 14 1	51 18 4	1191 14 1	2090 18 4	84		
97 19 4	445 8 11	34 13 0	27 10 3	51 1 7	11 4 10	1070 1 11	1145 17 9	10403 1 11	11445 17 9							

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CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.												
CONGREGATIONS.		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.								
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	2919	293	2829	2184	8525	808	9333	4617	1602 4 0	87 12 6	402 4 0
85	Chester—Chester ...	60	16	106	17	199	350	519	180	100 0 0	2 0 0	...
86	—Parkgate ...	Free	181	98	4	283	75	358	200	205 0 0	1 13 0	5 0 0
87	—Sutton ...	34	44	46	2	126	...	126	150	120 0 0	0 18 6	...
88	Isle of Man—Douglas ...	91	29	162	49	331	330	661	*240	200 0 0	2 5 0	...
89	—Ramsey ...	26	27	102	7	162	...	162	200	120 0 0	1 0 0	...
90	Liverpool—Canning Street	411	209	235	590	1445	165	1610	†722	259 15 0	17 12 0	59 15 0
91	—Everton Valley ...	418	...	291	187	896	...	896	550	233 13 9	11 17 0	33 13 9
92	—Fairfield ...	360	103	431	45	939	70	1009	†600	270 0 0	13 12 0	70 0 0
93	—Islington ...	411	79	222	34	746	344	1090	*550	250 0 0	13 12 0	50 0 0
94	—Mount Pleasant ...	310	...	334	486	1130	...	1130	500	55 7 6	10 0 0	55 7 6
95	—Prince's Road ...	230	78	228	48	584	...	584	400	200 0 0	5 3 0	...
96	—Queen's Road ...	230	30	288	187	735	...	735	351	210 0 0	9 0 0	10 0 0
97	—St. George's ...	434	97	234	84	849	138	987	600	215 0 0	12 10 0	15 0 0
98	—St. Peter's ...	122	58	128	73	381	80	461	300	200 0 0	4 5 0	...
99	—Sefton Park ...	910	200	654	815	2579	...	2579	900	568 12 9	24 10 0	368 12 9
00	—Shaw Street ...	114	45	171	26	356	10	366	250	200 0 0	2 5 0	...
01	—Trinity ...	189	130	178	119	616	...	616	405	237 3 2	7 0 6	37 3 2
02	—Union ...	Free	186	256	9	451	3	454	400	200 0 0	4 5 0	...
03	—Vauxhall Road ...	Free	33	94	2	129	...	129	200	118 10 0	0 10 0	...
04	Walton ...	...	...	†298	21	319	...	319	250	...	1 10 0	...
05	Waterloo ...	246	59	249	86	640	...	640	400	221 0 0	4 17 6	21 0 0
06	St. Helen's ...	76	47	176	42	341	757	1098	*235	205 0 0	1 10 0	5 0 0
07	Southport ...	189	76	244	80	589	121	710	400	215 0 0	6 5 0	15 0 0
LONDON.		7780	2020	8054	5527	23381	3251	26632	13600	6206 6 2	245 13 0	1147 16 2
08	Aldershot ...	Free	120	49	51	220	283	503	*200	150 0 0	2 2 0	...
09	Aston Tyrrold ...	Free	43	76	19	138	...	138	*200	110 0 0	1 10 0	...
10	Bournemouth ...	216	154	394	258	1022	...	1022	*400	230 0 0	7 7 0	30 0 0
11	Brighton—Queen's Road...	Free	23	531	144	698	...	698	*350	250 0 0	6 15 0	50 0 0
12	—Trinity ...	200	200	200	80	680	...	680	500	220 0 0	6 10 0	20 0 0
13	Canterbury...	29	9	90	8	136	1	137	167	8 19 6	2 2 0	...
14	Chatham ...	Free	14	244	5	263	14	277	200	197 8 4	2 2 0	5 15 0
15	Croydon ...	151	180	504	188	1023	35	1058	500	225 14 0	7 0 0	25 14 0
16	Darenth ...	23	...	85	...	108	11	119	*130	78 5 0	1 10 0	...
17	Eastbourne ..	364	...	668	216	1248	800	2048	700	220 0 0	11 10 0	20 0 0
18	Edenbridge ...	25	200	27	7	259	...	259	200	205 0 0	1 15 0	5 0 0
19	Gravesend ...	146	35	185	15	381	...	381	221	176 10 4	4 15 0	...
20	Guernsey ...	21	52	101	174	128	302	200	120 0 0	1 7 0	...	...
21	Holybourne ...	Free	108	28	...	136	...	136	155	111 14 11	1 10 0	...
22	Ipswich ...	151	68	201	66	486	186	672	300	205 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0
23	Jersey ...	207	32	294	38	571	...	571	320	220 0 0	5 10 0	20 0 0
24	Lewes ...	30	26	131	18	205	...	205	*200	155 0 0	2 0 0	...
25	London—Belgrave ...	426	113	619	596	1784	161	1945	6786	212 0 0	13 10 0	12 0 0
26	—Bermundsey ...	47	...	106	...	153	...	153	200	...	1 1 0	...
27	—Blackheath ...	131	...	331	25	487	721	1208	400	...	4 4 0	...
28	—Bow Road ...	48	11	128	...	187	...	187	250	...	1 1 0	...
29	—Brockley ...	217	178	257	162	814	926	1740	500	205 0 0	7 7 0	5 0 0
30	—Camberwell ...	390	67	283	104	844	828	1672	500	220 0 0	9 9 0	20 0 0
31	—Camden Road ...	369	200	430	107	1406	102	1508	600	231 11 4	12 0 0	31 11 4
32	—Canonbury ...	90	49	136	2	277	210	487	*200	200 0 0	3 0 0	...
33	—Clapham Road ...	906	...	572	1404	2882	405	3287	1000	600 0 0	30 0 0	400 0 0
34	—Clapton ...	155	39	196	11	401	22	423	275	205 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0
Carried forward ...		4342	1951	6866	3824	16983	4833	21816	9654	4757 3 5	157 17 0	655 0 4

(a) Manse.

(a) Including £55 allowance to retired Minister.

(†) Manse Capital Fund.

(‡) Including £160 13s. 10d. from Church Fund on the principle of self-assessment in lieu of Seat Rents.

(e) Assistant Minister, £186.

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.

GRAND TOTAL.

No.

Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
						1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
97 19 4	445 8 11	34 13 0	27 10 3	51 1 7	11 4 10	1070 1 11	1145 17 9	10403 1 11	11445 17 9	
1 5 0	5 10 0	...	...	0 10 0	0 10 0	7 5 10	5 12 7	556 5 10	228 12 7	85
1 5 0	182 3 3	1 10 0	1 10 0	3 10 0	...	194 18 3	101 13 8	552 18 3	371 13 8	86
0 7 6	0 17 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	2 4 6	3 17 5	128 4 6	146 17 5	87
...	9 9 3	...	...	...	...	9 9 3	0 10 0	670 9 3	406 10 0	88
2 13 2	1 18 4	...	...	...	...	4 11 6	5 4 0	166 11 6	172 4 0	89
23 5 2	104 3 4	9 11 11	10 18 10	5 6 10	10 0 0	223 1 1	230 2 7	1833 1 1	1694 2 7	90
5 0 6	73 13 5	...	2 8 0	4 10 1	...	119 5 9	156 2 0	1015 5 9	1096 2 0	91
11 10 0	209 0 8	6 1 9	17 0 0	9 11 3	5 2 0	328 5 8	158 10 1	1337 5 8	1161 10 1	92
...	26 16 11	2 10 0	2 10 0	...	...	81 16 11	96 17 5	1171 6 11	972 17 5	93
42 5 4	85 13 8	...	...	15 15 6	...	199 2 0	215 5 0	1329 2 0	1233 5 0	94
1 1 0	9 13 7	2 15 0	0 10 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	16 1 7	19 14 1	600 1 7	570 14 1	95
...	14 7 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	25 7 0	28 8 3	760 7 0	1004 8 3	96
19 2 9	20 4 5	4 3 1	...	4 3 1	...	62 13 4	50 13 10	1049 13 4	938 13 10	97
1 8 0	1 10 0	0 12 0	...	0 5 0	0 5 0	4 0 0	4 5 6	465 0 0	532 5 6	98
50 0 0	448 1 7	37 7 0	39 16 8	32 5 9	...	976 3 9	716 15 11	3555 3 9	3426 15 11	99
2 0 0	10 6 1	...	...	...	...	12 6 1	9 0 0	378 16 1	348 0 0	100
8 12 11	51 17 9	7 16 1	2 9 1	7 10 1	4 0 0	119 9 1	155 11 0	765 9 1	892 11 0	101
1 6 6	1 7 6	0 18 6	...	0 7 0	0 3 1	4 2 7	5 1 10	458 2 7	603 1 10	102
...	14 16 6	...	...	...	...	14 16 6	6 10 0	143 16 6	153 10 0	103
2 4 0	18 6 5	2 0 0	2 15 0	...	...	25 5 5	7 0 2	344 5 5	411 0 2	104
34 3 2	48 6 8	9 11 4	15 17 10	8 2 10	...	137 1 10	152 8 9	777 1 10	714 8 9	105
...	29 14 8	...	1 10 0	3 13 0	2 0 0	41 17 8	59 17 0	1139 17 8	529 17 0	106
2 8 10	15 18 8	2 9 11	...	2 16 6	2 16 6	41 10 5	50 0 7	751 10 5	682 0 7	107
307 18 2	1828 16 5	121 19 7	124 15 8	152 9 6	37 2 5	3720 17 11	3384 19 5	30352 17 11	29646 19 5	
...	9 15 3	...	1 5 0	1 4 7	...	12 4 10	12 13 4	515 4 10	251 13 4	108
2 6 0	5 15 11	1 18 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	1 0 0	11 19 11	11 5 7	149 19 11	143 5 7	109
...	10 16 3	5 18 1	...	...	...	46 14 4	118 6 1	1068 14 4	1209 6 1	110
2 18 2	31 17 7	2 14 4	2 6 9	2 17 6	2 16 1	95 10 5	96 12 10	793 10 5	921 12 10	111
2 0 0	10 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0	1 0 0	37 0 0	35 0 0	717 0 0	700 0 0	112
...	2 10 4	...	...	...	...	2 10 4	1 16 2	139 10 4	121 16 2	113
1 5 0	2 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	10 0 0	3 15 0	287 0 0	277 15 0	114
8 0 0	44 18 4	...	...	3 15 3	...	82 7 7	34 15 10	1140 7 7	834 15 10	115
0 12 3	...	...	...	...	...	0 12 3	38 16 8	119 12 3	110 16 8	116
...	54 8 9	14 8 0	...	5 0 0	...	93 16 9	75 6 3	2141 16 9	1546 6 3	117
...	2 2 6	1 1 0	...	0 14 5	...	8 17 11	61 17 4	267 17 11	297 17 4	118
...	3 10 0	...	...	...	...	3 10 0	8 10 0	384 10 0	472 10 0	119
...	4 17 0	0 11 3	1 8 3	...	0 18 0	7 14 6	5 9 5	309 14 6	149 9 5	120
2 2 2	2 11 1	1 6 0	1 2 0	1 8 4	1 2 5	9 12 0	17 8 1	145 12 0	219 8 1	121
5 3 1	30 0 0	1 1 0	0 15 10	16 0 0	1 10 0	59 9 11	60 16 3	731 9 11	802 16 3	122
6 0 0	13 5 0	1 10 0	0 18 6	4 0 0	2 0 0	47 13 6	42 9 3	618 13 6	586 9 3	123
3 8 0	35 9 0	2 9 0	...	2 16 3	...	44 2 3	42 3 2	249 2 3	233 3 2	124
12 3 2	68 7 0	43 12 2	2 0 0	5 16 8	...	143 19 0	137 1 7	2088 19 0	2790 1 7	125
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	153 0 0	179 0 0	126
11 2 6	24 16 1	13 13 6	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	51 12 1	13 0 8	1259 12 1	403 0 8	127
1 4 0	3 13 10	...	0 10 0	...	...	5 13 10	5 12 7	192 13 10	200 12 7	128
...	16 1 0	...	...	1 10 0	1 0 0	23 11 0	13 8 10	1763 11 0	964 8 10	129
...	13 11 10	4 10 0	...	...	...	38 1 10	43 9 9	1710 1 10	982 9 9	130
7 4 8	102 8 10	10 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0	1 0 0	161 4 10	133 17 0	1669 4 10	1501 17 0	131
...	13 18 5	1 10 0	...	...	...	15 8 5	25 4 8	502 8 5	332 4 8	132
13 0 0	90 8 0	13 0 0	6 12 10	6 0 0	4 0 0	533 0 10	497 11 7	3820 0 10	3090 11 7	133
...	34 17 3	2 15 0	...	3 0 0	...	45 12 3	52 13 6	468 12 3	598 13 6	134
78 9 0	632 5 3	123 17 4	23 9 2	261 13 0	17 6 6	1592 0 7	1589 1 5	23408 0 7	19922 1 5	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.										Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Poor, Congregational Missions, &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.						
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.	£										
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
135	Brought forward ...	4312	1951	6866	3824	16983	4833	21816	9654	1757	3 5	157 17 0	655 0 4		
136	London—College Park ...	Free	...	† 226	...	† 226	† 7	233	250	...	...	1 1 0	...
137	" —Crouch Hill ...	522	...	408	301	1231	762	1994	600	79 12 5	10 0 0	79 12 5	...		
138	" —Ealing ...	102	...	189	30	321	786	1107	200	210 0 0	3 10 0	10 0 0	...		
139	" —East Dulwich ...	49	...	159	...	208	...	208	300	...	...	...	...
140	" —East India Road ...	65	29	172	4	270	2	272	200	180 0 0	3 3 0	...	...
141	" —Forest Hill ...	390	200	379	212	1181	157	1338	* 500	226 8 9	11 11 0	26 8 9	...		
142	" —Greenwich ...	275	166	269	143	853	53	906	505	200 0 0	8 0 0	...	...
143	" —Hammersmith ...	252	35	243	89	619	782	1401	350	210 0 0	7 0 0	10 0 0	...		
144	" —Hampstead ...	232	106	223	238	799	...	799	a 719	305 0 0	9 0 0	105 0 0	...		
145	" —Highbury ...	673	...	705	852	2230	...	2230	1000	142 10 0	20 0 0	142 10 0	...		
146	" —Islington ...	652	30	334	388	1404	568	1972	800	286 3 1	14 0 0	86 3 1	...		
147	" —Kensington ...	406	200	405	256	1267	168	1435	600	300 0 0	10 10 0	100 0 0	...		
148	" —Kentish Town ...	105	44	137	37	323	315	638	200	...	1 1 0	...	...
149	" —Kingstn & Surb'tn ...	79	55	207	35	376	81	457	224	200 0 0	2 2 0	...	...
150	" —Marylebone ...	751	200	604	289	1844	12	1856	* 1050	534 15 0	30 0 0	334 15 0	...		
151	" —Millwall ...	22	16	123	2	163	11	174	200	134 9 4	1 1 0	...	...
152	" —New Barnet ...	109	...	283	63	455	...	455	307	210 0 0	3 10 0	10 0 0	...		
153	" —Notting Hill ...	558	199	410	383	1550	...	1550	800	270 0 0	15 0 0	70 0 0	...		
154	" —Oxendon ...	158	62	362	50	632	224	856	350	200 0 0	3 10 0	...	...
155	" —Putney ...	140	...	298	11	449	...	449	250	5 0 0	4 4 0	5 0 0	...		
156	" —Regent Square...	838	200	751	739	2528	314	2842	1200	740 0 0	30 0 0	540 0 0	...		
157	" —Richmond ...	167	108	176	16	467	...	467	300	200 0 0	4 4 0	...	...
158	" —St. John's Wood ...	1220	...	732	1033	2985	357	3342	1200	498 15 9	30 0 0	498 15 9	...		
159	" —Silvertown ...	54	55	63	6	178	2	180	* 200	140 0 0	1 1 0	...	...
160	" —Somers Town ...	145	34	411	...	590	...	590	350	200 0 0	4 4 0	...	...
161	" —South Kensington ...	197	194	334	270	995	...	995	450	200 0 0	10 10 0	...	...
162	" —Southwark ...	55	33	159	2	249	550	799	200	130 0 0	1 1 0	...	...
163	" —Stepney ...	107	32	161	34	334	115	449	250	205 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0	...		
164	" —Stoke Newington ...	269	9	322	26	626	542	1168	350	200 0 0	3 10 0	...	...
165	" —Stratford ...	188	33	204	91	516	107	623	300	200 0 0	5 5 0	...	...
166	" —Streatham ...	172	142	261	89	664	105	769	400	210 0 0	5 5 0	10 0 0	...		
167	" —Tooting ...	47	12	64	9	132	2	134	* 110	100 0 0	1 1 0	...	...
168	" —Tottenham ...	182	137	137	206	662	9	671	* 320	225 0 0	6 0 0	25 0 0	...		
169	" —Upper Norwood ...	311	200	335	204	1050	...	1050	500	259 8 6	10 10 0	59 8 6	...		
170	" —Victoria Docks...	57	114	72	6	249	...	249	177	152 10 0	3 3 0	...	...
171	" —Wandsworth ...	187	96	247	239	769	...	769	400	222 0 0	6 6 0	22 0 0	...		
172	" —Westbourne Grove	205	...	565	355	1125	...	1125	550	40 0 0	11 11 0	40 0 0	...		
173	" —Whitefield ...	24	...	165	3	192	...	192	200	137 10 8	1 1 0	...	...
174	" —Willesden ...	485	137	306	63	991	210	1201	500	230 0 0	9 0 0	30 0 0	...		
175	" —Wimbledon ...	92	...	221	8	321	852	1173	vacant	...	2 2 0	...	...
176	" —Wood Green ...	209	117	188	110	624	50	674	325	205 0 0	5 5 0	5 0 0	...		
177	" —Woolwich, New Rd	213	55	289	144	701	328	1029	430	221 0 0	5 10 0	21 0 0	...		
178	" —St. Andrew's ...	186	53	328	90	657	...	657	400	220 0 0	5 10 0	20 0 0	...		
179	Norwich ...	187	75	192	90	544	70	614	b350	205 0 0	5 5 0	5 0 0	...		
180	Portsmouth ...	199	...	129	8	336	12	348	200	200 0 0	2 2 0	...	...
181	Rangoon ...	...	...	806	7	813	...	813	450	...	...	...	...
182	Reading ...	120	22	86	49	277	600	877	256	...	2 2 0	...	...
183	St. Leonard's—Silverhill...	23	71	68	16	178	57	235	200	145 0 0	1 10 0	...	...
184	" —Warrior Sq. ...	129	35	295	89	548	375	923	300	34 12 11	2 10 0	...	...
185	Singapore ...	190	...	470	112	802	...	802	500	...	...	...	...
186	Southampton—St. Andrew	252	18	143	163	576	...	576	336	210 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	...		
187	" —Totton ...	41	23	58	19	141	3	144	155	110 0 0	1 5 0	...	...
188	" —Woolston ...	49	22	148	2	221	...	221	200	150 0 0	3 3 0	...	...
	Wallington...	121	51	66	146	384	196	580	200	200 0 0	2 2 0	...	...
	Five Preaching Stations ...	33	17	441	25	516	137	653	355	...	1 2 0	...	...
		16734	5490	22395	11706	56325	13755	70080	31467	14641	19 10	513 0 0	2925 13 10		

(i) These figures are for ten months only, viz., 1st March to 31st Dec. 1886. (c) Manse.
(a) Inclusive of £156 5s. retiring allowance to former Minister. (b) Minister pays Interest on Debt on Manse.

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.

GRAND TOTAL.

Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
						1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
78 9 0	632 5 3	123 17 4	23 9 2	61 13 0	17 6 6	1592 0 7	1589 1 5	23408 0 7	19922 1 5	
...	17 17 9	...	...	0 10 0	0 7 6	18 15 5	...	251 15 3	87 0 0	135
21 2 2	91 6 3	11 0 0	9 14 2	12 0 0	8 13 11	233 8 11	210 10 6	2227 8 11	1892 10 6	136
7 19 9	11 5 0	4 10 0	2 0 0	4 19 2	...	40 13 11	37 0 8	1147 13 11	840 0 8	137
...	3 0 0	...	...	...	...	3 0 0	...	211 0 0	102 0 0	138
...	7 10 0	...	...	...	...	7 10 0	5 10 0	279 10 0	278 10 0	139
8 0 0	27 3 1	6 0 0	5 0 0	4 0 0	6 0 0	82 11 10	104 15 3	1420 11 10	1458 15 3	140
6 8 4	35 9 0	22 7 4	...	7 3 0	2 2 0	73 9 8	97 8 4	979 9 8	1013 8 4	141
11 2 6	13 4 9	1 8 0	...	4 10 0	...	40 5 3	36 1 0	1445 5 3	1406 1 0	142
36 19 10	127 9 4	33 11 8	9 0 5	11 11 0	5 1 5	328 13 8	505 3 5	1127 13 8	1365 3 5	143
11 0 0	245 12 11	25 6 0	3 2 0	21 0 0	7 17 0	456 7 11	395 11 4	2686 7 11	2340 11 4	144
17 0 0	41 6 7	21 0 0	13 0 0	19 12 9	...	198 2 5	245 0 0	2170 2 5	1712 0 0	145
13 0 0	142 10 1	14 0 0	...	17 0 0	...	286 10 1	239 9 10	1721 10 1	1718 9 10	146
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11 2 0	638 0 0	636 2 0	147
...	3 13 0	...	...	...	...	3 13 0	1 4 0	460 13 0	559 4 0	148
40 1 11	198 14 4	25 12 6	12 4 4	20 8 9	10 15 6	642 12 4	779 19 2	2498 12 4	6280 19 2	149
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 0 1	174 0 0	158 0 1	150
3 10 0	29 19 10	3 10 0	2 0 0	3 10 0	4 0 0	56 9 10	55 19 5	511 9 10	528 19 5	151
40 3 3	70 18 1	54 0 7	1 0 0	19 18 5	4 0 8	260 1 0	247 14 10	1810 1 0	1863 14 10	152
...	...	...	...	...	1 1 0	1 1 0	7 8 0	857 1 0	724 8 0	153
4 0 0	65 17 7	3 12 6	3 0 0	7 0 0	...	88 10 1	67 15 10	537 10 1	514 15 10	154
126 1 0	279 8 8	57 17 6	48 0 0	46 4 6	31 12 6	1129 4 2	1257 16 3	3971 4 2	4516 16 3	155
1 10 0	25 3 0	...	...	...	...	26 13 0	27 16 3	493 13 0	288 16 3	156
243 3 10	396 12 10	24 15 6	46 17 1	19 16 1	5 0 0	1235 1 1	1259 6 7	4577 1 1	4586 6 7	157
3 11 9	3 0 0	...	...	...	...	6 11 9	6 11 8	186 11 9	180 11 8	158
5 19 6	1 1 0	...	...	...	...	7 0 6	6 17 7	597 0 6	441 17 7	159
...	10 0 0	5 0 0	...	...	...	15 0 0	22 3 0	1010 0 0	1708 3 0	160
...	6 7 9	...	...	...	...	6 7 9	2 0 2	805 7 9	204 0 2	161
...	31 6 11	...	...	...	1 13 6	38 0 5	25 16 1	487 0 5	51014 16 1	162
5 0 0	25 11 3	4 6 0	...	1 0 0	...	35 17 3	26 13 9	1203 17 3	569 13 9	163
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 19 0	623 0 0	580 19 0	164
12 17 0	36 8 6	9 8 9	6 7 3	10 10 11	6 7 3	91 19 8	78 8 6	860 19 8	778 8 6	165
...	3 1 5	...	...	...	...	3 1 5	3 1 7	137 1 5	198 1 7	166
1 12 3	38 11 0	6 8 11	0 18 0	6 18 3	1 8 0	80 16 5	72 3 0	751 16 5	738 3 0	167
12 0 0	105 7 11	18 10 0	6 6 0	8 15 0	8 15 0	219 2 5	196 1 8	1269 2 5	1792 1 8	168
...	4 9 1	0 13 7	...	0 16 6	...	5 19 2	8 10 7	254 19 2	325 10 7	169
1 17 6	154 4 4	8 15 0	4 0 6	3 4 8	1 6 9	195 8 9	245 19 4	964 8 9	1351 19 4	170
10 0 0	151 19 6	6 0 0	5 0 0	16 11 10	...	229 11 4	121 0 6	1354 11 4	1352 0 6	171
3 3 0	5 3 6	4 7 6	1 6 6	2 7 6	1 0 0	17 8 0	15 13 4	209 8 0	360 13 4	172
2 2 6	19 18 9	2 2 6	...	4 0 0	...	58 3 9	79 0 4	1259 3 9	1374 0 4	173
2 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	2 10 0	2 12 0	1175 10 0	381 12 0	174
1 13 6	20 5 6	...	...	1 16 6	...	28 15 6	31 6 0	702 15 6	1351 6 0	175
...	14 5 2	3 15 0	...	2 0 0	...	41 0 3	34 14 1	1070 0 3	704 14 1	176
...	8 0 0	...	...	...	...	28 0 0	33 18 0	685 0 0	940 18 0	177
4 0 0	21 3 3	2 15 0	2 15 0	2 10 0	2 10 0	40 13 3	39 7 3	654 13 3	588 7 3	178
1 10 0	8 1 0	1 8 0	1 0 0	1 15 0	1 5 0	14 19 0	7 15 0	362 19 0	413 15 0	179
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	813 0 0	537 0 0	180
0 18 0	5 16 9	0 16 6	0 13 6	1 0 0	0 10 6	9 15 3	8 1 3	886 15 3	234 1 3	181
...	6 1 6	0 10 0	0 10 0	1 12 0	...	8 13 6	6 9 0	243 13 6	196 9 0	182
5 0 0	7 0 0	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	...	14 0 0	17 16 9	937 0 0	1011 16 9	183
...	170 19 6	...	...	...	...	170 19 6	121 18 2	972 19 6	659 18 2	184
...	17 5 5	4 4 0	...	...	...	31 9 5	39 13 3	607 9 5	1902 13 3	185
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 11 0	144 0 0	144 11 0	186
...	3 14 6	...	...	...	...	3 14 6	...	224 14 6	478 0 0	187
1 6 10	0 17 2	0 17 0	...	...	...	3 1 0	3 17 0	583 1 0	616 17 0	188
1 10 0	4 16 5	...	0 14 0	0 10 0	0 15 0	8 5 5	5 9 7	661 5 5	558 9 7	
746 3 5	3351 4 6	513 6 8	207 17 11	347 4 10	129 9 0	8221 0 2	8458 2 7	78501 0 2	78489 2 7	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor, Congregational Missions, &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.					
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid	Collections, &c.									
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
189	MANCHESTER.												
	Blackburn—Mount Street	35	17	85	...	137	125	262	200	120 0 0	1 10 0	...	
190	" —St. George's ...	453	...	194	200	847	227	1074	500	...	9 0 0	...	
191	Bolton	152	25	416	59	652	...	652	335	210 0 0	5 15 6	10 0 0	
192	Bradford	229	121	151	87	588	461	1049	400	212 5 9	5 18 0	12 5 9	
193	Crewe	59	47	78	32	216	64	280	200	120 0 0	2 11 0	...	
194	Leeds—Cavendish Road ...	189	94	284	18	585	...	585	300	200 0 0	5 18 6	...	
195	" —St. Columba ...	52	49	69	...	170	...	170	200	103 14 10	2 5 0	...	
196	Manchester—Ancoats ...	Free	162	237	83	482	20	502	300	200 0 0	5 10 0	...	
197	" —Bowdon ...	...	...	313	19	332	...	332	350	13 15 6	4 16 0	13 15 6
198	" —Brunswick St.	306	...	380	176	862	21	883	425	224 1 0	8 0 0	24 1 0	
199	" —Eccles ...	51	22	115	14	202	15	217	200	150 0 0	2 3 0	...	
200	" —Grosvenor Sq.	345	...	463	212	1020	44	1064	400	265 0 9	8 9 6	65 0 9	
201	" —H. Broughton	168	...	418	60	646	...	646	450	26 11 4	5 15 0	26 11 4	
202	" —Longsight ...	176	36	158	...	370	36	406	400	110 0 0	5 4 0	10 0 0	
203	" —Pendleton ...	130	...	322	25	477	1000	1477	300	202 0 0	4 12 0	2 0 0	
204	" —Sale ...	200	106	336	142	784	380	1164	*450	220 0 0	6 11 6	20 0 0	
205	" —Salford ...	89	52	268	100	509	...	509	300	200 0 0	5 9 0	...	
206	" —St. Andrew's	270	32	401	179	882	...	882	420	210 0 0	6 19 6	10 0 0	
207	" —Trinity ...	248	15	241	119	623	315	938	*300	214 10 0	...	14 10 0	
208	" —Whalley Range	Free	...	843	279	1122	882	2004	450	28 14 2	11 10 0	28 14 2	
209	" —Withington	424	...	331	677	1432	...	1432	505	88 16 8	9 13 6	88 16 8	
210	Oldham ... ..	...	...	209	5	214	853	1067	225	...	1 3 0	...
211	Preston	82	...	188	47	317	130	447	258	...	3 19 0	...	
212	Ramsbottom	102	30	118	25	275	24	299	*200	150 0 0	2 14 6	...	
213	Risley	6	...	106	6	118	94	212	*111	...	0 6 0	...	
214	Rochdale	212	...	293	...	505	...	505	250	200 0 0	3 9 6	...	
215	Sheffield	171	49	151	83	454	...	454	250	205 0 0	4 10 6	5 0 0	
216	Warrington	49	36	105	15	205	17	222	200	110 0 0	1 19 0	...	
217	Wharton	52	14	80	24	170	170	340	*200	115 0 0	1 17 0	...	
218	Wigan	88	58	130	3	279	67	346	200	105 0 0	3 7 0	...	
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	79	...	79	...	79	*103	...	...	...
		4338	965	7562	2689	15554	4945	20499	9382	4004 10 0	140 16 6	330 15 2	
	NEWCASTLE.												
219	Bellingham	68	31	75	5	179	...	179	*200	150 0 0	2 10 0	...	
220	Blackhill	55	...	238	...	293	...	293	*200	16 0 0	3 7 6	16 0 0	
221	Blyth—Bridge Street	17	5	51	...	73	...	73	72	36 5 0	1 17 6	...	
222	" —Waterloo Road	103	...	248	12	363	139	502	*205	3 3 0	3 15 0	3 3 0	
223	Durham	63	35	116	...	214	...	214	200	200 0 0	3 5 0	...	
224	Falstone	80	49	31	4	164	...	164	*200	150 0 0	2 5 0	...	
225	Forest Hall... ..	12	9	51	...	72	...	72	155	60 16 7	0 15 0	...	
226	Gateshead—Durham Road	135	...	311	43	489	75	564	300	3 0 0	5 12 6	3 0 0	
227	" —Ellison Street	87	20	153	11	271	13	284	200	200 15 4	4 5 0	...	
228	Gosforth	65	24	113	5	207	...	207	202	...	2 17 6	...	
229	Hebburn	69	36	132	25	262	...	262	*200	175 0 0	4 0 0	...	
230	Hexham	Free	...	281	49	330	...	330	*230	216 0 0	4 12 6	16 0 0	
231	Houghton-le-Spring	52	26	103	2	183	141	324	*200	130 0 0	2 5 0	...	
232	Jarrow—Ellison Street	157	...	299	81	537	28	565	325	1 16 2	8 7 6	1 16 2	
233	" —St. Kilda's ...	Free	18	110	2	130	...	130	155	111 18 4	1 12 6	...	
	Carried forward ...	963	253	2312	239	3767	396	4163	3044	1454 14 5	51 7 6	39 19 2	

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.											GRAND TOTAL.				No.
Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.				
						1886.	1885.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
12 10 0	17 10 0	5 0 0	11 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	54 0 0	51 10 0	1138 0 0	1004 10 0	0 189					
...	5 15 0	...	...	1 5 0	1 5 0	18 5 0	18 5 0	670 5 0	573 5 0	0 191			
5 0 0	11 0 0	...	...	2 0 0	...	30 5 9	33 0 0	1079 5 9	636 0 0	0 192			
1 10 0	13 10 9	0 10 0	0 10 0	1 0 0	0 15 0	17 15 9	16 12 0	297 15 9	341 12 0	0 193					
1 2 4	9 7 10	1 16 5	1 8 9	1 0 0	1 0 0	15 15 4	23 6 5	600 15 4	633 6 5	194					
0 10 0	0 16 6	...	...	...	...	1 6 6	...	171 6 6	252 0 0	0 195	
...	19 19 1	...	...	...	...	19 19 1	22 13 6	521 19 1	520 13 6	196	
6 14 0	9 18 0	1 19 6	2 6 0	5 19 0	1 17 6	42 9 6	55 18 9	374 9 6	560 18 9	197					
7 6 5	21 6 0	...	...	...	...	52 13 5	55 16 1	935 13 5	899 16 1	198	
1 8 5	18 10 0	...	...	...	...	19 18 5	20 14 3	236 18 5	226 14 3	199	
17 9 2	43 2 1	...	...	14 3 3	7 5 0	147 0 3	173 15 5	1211 0 3	1400 15 5	200			
13 13 9	72 0 11	...	...	...	...	112 6 0	4 1 8	758 6 0	662 1 8	201	
...	15 14 7	...	...	...	...	25 14 7	25 12 6	431 14 7	527 12 6	202	
...	8 9 9	...	...	...	...	10 9 9	11 18 1	1487 9 9	535 18 1	203	
7 0 0	40 1 8	2 0 0	...	8 0 0	3 17 10	80 19 6	101 1 0	1244 19 6	1125 1 0	204					
4 17 6	14 0 0	0 7 6	0 5 0	1 3 6	0 12 6	21 6 0	19 3 11	530 6 0	515 3 11	205					
8 10 0	30 8 6	4 0 0	...	4 0 0	...	56 18 6	83 12 10	938 18 6	1076 12 10	206					
12 0 0	27 12 0	8 0 0	...	3 0 0	...	65 2 0	74 2 10	1003 2 0	810 2 10	207					
10 0 0	57 11 9	3 0 0	3 3 0	6 10 1	2 0 0	110 19 0	112 4 0	2114 19 0	2059 4 0	208					
74 13 9	220 6 2	...	...	11 12 0	2 18 0	398 6 7	341 5 1	1830 6 7	2266 5 1	209			
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 0 0	1067 0 0	154 0 0	210	
2 10 0	2 10 0	...	...	...	1 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	453 0 0	451 0 0	211		
...	1 0 0	...	...	...	1 0 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	301 0 0	343 0 0	212		
1 2 4	1 4 0	...	...	...	1 9 1	3 15 5	3 16 0	215 15 5	39 16 0	213		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 18 11	505 0 0	366 18 11	214	
...	17 5 7	...	0 10 0	3 2 6	3 2 6	29 0 7	5 17 6	483 0 7	523 17 6	215					
1 0 0	3 7 4	...	...	...	...	4 7 4	5 12 6	226 7 4	219 12 6	216	
1 6 0	5 10 1	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	1 0 0	9 16 1	10 7 2	349 16 1	236 7 2	217					
0 16 0	2 0 0	1 6 6	0 10 0	1 1 0	...	5 13 6	5 0 0	351 13 6	688 0 0	218					
0 17 0	0 14 0	...	...	...	...	1 11 0	2 15 10	80 11 0	82 15 10		
191 16 8	690 11 7	28 19 11	19 12 9	68 16 4	33 2 5	1363 14 10	1299 1 3	21862 14 10	19901 1 3						
...						
4 0 0	17 5 9	...	...	3 0 0	...	40 5 9	40 1 8	333 5 9	377 1 8	219			
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73 0 0	163 0 0	0 221	
...	2 15 6	1 12 1	2 12 1	2 1 0	...	12 3 8	12 4 2	514 3 8	448 4 2	222					
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 0 0	214 0 0	340 0 0	0 223	
0 18 10	1 0 2	...	...	0 16 0	1 3 0	3 18 0	5 5 0	167 18 0	173 5 0	0 224			
...	1 2 2	...	...	...	...	1 2 2	1 6 0	73 2 2	58 6 0	0 225	
2 15 8	5 0 9	...	...	...	...	10 16 5	6 9 6	574 16 5	490 9 6	0 226	
0 8 9	6 8 0	1 9 5	...	...	...	8 6 2	32 8 3	292 6 2	611 8 3	0 227		
0 4 7	3 8 6	0 4 0	...	...	0 12 0	4 9 1	6 10 10	211 9 1	242 10 10	0 228			
...	0 9 0	...	...	...	...	0 9 0	...	262 9 0	248 0 0	0 229	
10 11 4	20 14 9	...	3 0 0	7 16 6	...	58 2 7	109 19 8	388 2 7	1167 19 8	0 230					
3 10 0	4 8 9	1 1 6	1 1 3	1 6 6	1 5 0	12 13 0	13 1 3	336 13 0	320 1 3	0 231					
6 0 4	9 18 7	...	...	...	...	17 15 1	22 16 8	582 15 1	580 16 8	0 232	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 0 0	130 0 0	99 0 0	0 233	
28 9 6	72 11 11	4 7 0	6 13 4	15 0 0	3 0 0	170 0 11	252 3 0	4333 0 11	5494 3 0						

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.																
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Income for Congregational Purposes.					Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.			Sustentation Fund Abol. giving.			
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.	Poor Congregational Missions, &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.										For Temporary Purposes.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
	Brought forward ...	963	253	2312	239	3767	396	4163	3041	1454 14 5	51 7 6	39 19 2				
234	Newcastle—Barras Bridge	269	...	774	206	1249	...	1249	760	45 19 8	11 10 0	45 19 8				
235	" —Blackett Street	281	...	531	298	1110	...	1110	500	60 0 0	11 17 6	60 0 0				
236	" —Erskine	60	...	211	6	277	...	277	200	...	3 7 6	...				
237	" —Heaton	56	17	130	1	204	...	204	200	140 0 0	2 12 6	...				
238	" —John Knox	233	...	304	195	732	37	769	400	245 0 0	9 0 0	45 0 0				
239	" —St. George's	81	...	191	9	281	125	406	300	4 8 0	5 7 6	4 8 0				
240	" —Trinity	520	2	463	507	1492	355	1847	800	281 8 0	14 10 0	81 8 0				
241	" —Westmoreland Rd	248	...	348	678	1274	9	1283	400	36 12 6	9 15 0	36 12 6				
242	North Shields—Howard St	145	27	287	73	532	15	547	390	210 0 0	6 15 0	10 0 0				
243	" —Northumberland Sq	167	...	319	170	656	8	664	350	30 0 0	6 17 6	30 0 0				
244	Seaham ...	56	12	156	2	226	34	260	200	11 11 4	1 17 6	...				
245	Seaton Burn ...	27	3	44	...	74	...	74	155	80 0 0	1 7 6	...				
246	Seaton Delaval ...	48	25	76	...	119	28	177	*200	125 0 2	1 17 6	...				
247	South Shields—Laygate	Free	8	422	60	490	85	575	*385	30 0 0	7 5 0	30 0 0				
248	" —Mile End Rd	61	...	207	34	302	3	305	200	...	4 0 0	...				
249	" —St. John's	128	...	237	83	418	120	568	300	...	5 12 6	...				
250	" —St. Paul's	109	...	271	55	435	...	435	250	8 0 0	5 0 0	8 0 0				
251	Stamfordham ...	...	47	59	...	106	...	106	*185	100 0 0	1 12 6	...			
252	Sunderland—Millfield	...	...	†174	...	174	...	174	200	...	1 2 6	...		
253	" —Nth Bridge St.	77	40	231	41	389	60	449	250	205 0 0	3 10 0	5 0 0				
254	" —St. George's	226	8	466	233	933	...	933	500	250 0 0	10 10 0	50 0 0				
255	" —St. Stephen's	50	22	144	7	223	93	316	200	150 0 0	2 17 6	...				
256	" —Smyrna	68	...	351	41	460	...	460	300	200 0 0	4 15 0	...				
257	" —Trinity	181	...	425	130	736	53	789	425	15 0 0	8 0 0	15 0 0				
258	Swalwell ...	12	7	88	...	107	37	144	*200	92 10 0	2 10 0	...				
259	Walker ...	63	3	179	55	300	2	302	*155	155 0 0	3 15 0	...				
260	Wallsend ...	70	...	163	10	243	500	743	*200	...	3 7 6	...				
261	Wark ...	37	2	67	6	112	...	112	*150	89 6 0	1 5 0	...				
262	Willington Quay ...	31	20	211	13	275	2	277	200	200 0 0	3 0 0	...				
		4267	496	9841	3152	17756	1962	19718	11999	4219 10 1	206 5 0	461 7 4				
	NORTHUMBERLAND.															
263	Alnwick—Clayport Street	91	...	163	86	340	...	340	*200	...	3 18 0	...				
264	" —Lisburn Street	65	14	118	...	197	...	197	*200	154 8 3	2 7 0	...				
265	" —St. James's	136	16	133	22	307	110	417	*200	205 0 0	4 16 0	5 0 0				
266	Bavington ...	64	21	21	2	114	...	114	*200	105 0 0	1 11 0	...				
267	Bedlington ...	40	19	61	2	125	4	129	*170	105 0 0	1 12 0	...				
268	Birdhoepraig ...	58	42	35	...	135	...	135	*200	120 0 0	1 16 0	...				
269	Branton ...	80	7	69	13	169	1	170	*200	160 0 0	3 3 0	...				
270	Embleton ...	65	13	65	...	143	11	154	*200	130 0 0	2 9 0	...				
271	Felton ...	54	8	59	3	124	22	146	*200	110 0 0	1 17 0	...				
272	Glanton ...	109	22	61	10	205	...	205	*200	165 1 0	3 4 0	...				
273	Harbottle ...	87	12	46	4	149	27	176	*200	126 0 9	2 10 0	...				
274	Longframlington ...	21	23	19	6	69	...	69	*155	61 0 0	0 19 0	...				
275	Morpeth ...	149	6	162	27	344	460	804	*275	215 0 0	4 14 0	15 0 0				
276	Newbiggin ...	39	15	70	...	124	...	124	177	95 0 0	1 7 0	...				
277	North Middleton ...	54	19	33	1	107	...	107	*200	100 0 0	1 8 0	...				
278	North Sunderland...	76	9	68	13	166	...	166	*200	150 0 0	2 17 0	...				
279	Otterburn ...	55	29	45	...	129	491	620	*200	108 0 0	1 19 0	...				
280	Thropton ...	55	23	28	2	108	...	108	*200	106 0 3	1 18 0	...				
281	Warenford ...	75	10	46	3	134	173	307	*200	115 2 9	2 5 0	...				
282	Warkworth...	70	16	43	1	130	17	147	*200	125 0 0	2 11 0	...				
283	Widdrington ...	65	30	24	...	119	...	119	*200	110 0 0	2 0 0	...				
284	Wooler—Cheviot Street	113	1	63	16	193	...	193	†225	200 0 0	4 5 0	...				
285	" —Tower Hill	43	8	59	...	110	...	110	*150	100 0 0	1 17 0	...				
286	" —West Church	108	30	62	12	212	223	435	*\$200	170 0 0	2 17 0	...				
		1772	396	1562	223	3953	1539	5492	4752	3035 13 0	60 0 0	20 0 0				

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewt-h Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
						1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
28 9 6	72 11 11	4 7 0	6 13 4	15 0 0	3 0 0	170 0 11	252 3 0	4333 0 11	5494 3 0	
12 0 0	49 10 4	2 0 0	2 0 0	10 0 0	7 10 0	129 0 0	149 6 11	1378 0 0	1270 6 11	234
7 4 3	52 18 3	6 14 0	...	7 0 0	3 1 9	136 18 3	149 7 10	1246 18 3	1136 7 10	235
...	16 9 4	...	...	...	...	16 9 4	6 15 6	293 9 4	265 15 6	236
0 15 0	...	...	...	...	...	0 15 0	1 3 3	204 15 0	210 3 3	237
6 0 0	56 0 10	8 0 0	0 17 6	8 10 0	0 17 6	125 5 10	119 0 9	891 5 10	837 0 9	238
1 4 7	8 8 11	2 0 0	...	...	...	16 1 6	14 15 0	422 1 6	494 15 0	239
10 0 0	40 16 9	4 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	152 4 9	139 3 11	1999 4 9	1559 3 11	240
...	20 0 0	...	...	6 10 0	...	63 2 6	78 5 0	1346 2 6	1052 5 0	241
...	32 16 0	5 0 0	...	...	...	47 16 0	30 12 0	594 16 0	622 12 0	242
2 0 0	18 5 3	3 11 3	...	6 0 0	2 0 0	61 16 6	80 3 3	725 16 6	938 3 3	243
0 16 0	...	...	...	...	...	0 16 0	1 14 9	260 16 0	265 14 9	244
...	0 18 9	0 5 0	...	10 0 0	0 5 0	1 18 9	2 0 0	75 18 9	126 0 0	245
...	0 15 0	0 15 0	...	0 10 0	...	2 0 0	0 15 0	179 0 0	174 15 0	246
5 0 0	16 7 5	2 0 0	2 0 0	5 0 0	...	60 7 5	51 0 3	635 7 5	781 0 3	247
3 17 0	11 3 10	2 0 0	1 0 0	0 15 0	...	18 15 10	17 6 8	323 15 10	337 6 8	248
1 5 0	11 10 1	1 5 0	...	1 10 0	...	15 10 1	14 5 0	583 10 1	643 5 0	249
9 0 0	11 0 0	2 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0	3 0 0	36 0 0	27 19 1	471 0 0	444 19 1	250
...	4 5 0	...	...	...	...	4 5 0	4 11 2	110 5 0	410 11 2	251
...	...	...	...	0 6 5	...	0 6 5	...	174 6 5	162 0 0	252
6 0 0	22 18 8	...	...	1 15 0	1 5 0	30 18 8	25 17 11	479 18 8	459 17 11	253
...	33 18 6	3 8 0	4 7 11	6 0 3	3 1 1	106 15 9	107 13 10	1039 15 9	948 13 10	254
...	4 19 3	...	...	...	...	4 19 3	5 10 3	320 19 3	506 10 3	255
5 13 6	5 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	13 13 6	14 5 9	473 13 6	403 5 9	256
2 2 0	23 3 11	...	...	2 0 0	...	42 5 11	29 13 3	831 5 11	857 13 3	257
...	2 3 2	...	...	...	...	2 3 2	1 0 0	146 3 2	122 0 0	258
...	3 1 0	1 3 1	...	0 15 0	...	4 19 1	1 6 0	306 19 1	284 6 0	259
1 0 0	3 0 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	...	...	5 0 0	8 11 4	748 0 0	580 11 4	260
1 15 0	3 1 6	1 15 0	3 0 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	13 11 6	12 4 11	125 11 6	120 4 11	261
1 0 0	4 16 0	1 0 0	0 10 0	1 0 0	0 5 0	8 11 0	7 9 0	285 11 0	285 9 0	262
105 1 10	529 19 8	52 13 4	27 18 9	83 1 8	32 5 4	1292 7 11	1354 0 7	21010 7 11	21795 0 7	
4 0 0	47 14 5	16 14 0	...	2 10 6	2 1 5	73 0 4	3 12 0	413 0 4	338 12 0	263
2 15 6	15 19 8	...	...	...	...	18 15 2	5 10 0	215 15 2	195 10 0	264
3 0 0	15 3 3	1 1 0	1 1 0	3 0 0	1 1 0	29 6 3	22 6 2	446 6 3	471 6 2	265
0 8 0	7 0 5	...	...	1 2 0	...	8 10 5	10 18 10	122 10 5	133 18 10	266
1 8 10	2 4 8	...	...	0 5 0	0 5 0	4 3 6	1 9 6	133 3 6	164 9 6	267
...	3 0 0	...	...	1 0 0	0 17 0	4 17 0	5 14 0	139 17 0	139 14 0	268
...	5 17 10	1 0 0	...	1 9 6	1 10 0	9 17 4	8 1 11	179 17 4	168 1 11	269
1 10 0	4 9 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	6 19 0	4 16 10	160 19 0	159 16 10	270
0 15 0	4 2 4	0 2 6	...	1 0 0	0 10 0	6 9 10	5 16 6	152 9 10	137 16 6	271
2 0 0	4 1 0	1 19 0	...	2 0 0	...	10 0 0	11 15 6	215 0 0	215 15 6	272
0 10 0	5 17 3	0 15 0	...	0 10 0	1 2 0	8 14 3	11 8 8	184 14 3	167 8 8	273
0 7 6	0 12 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 10 0	0 5 0	2 4 6	2 7 6	71 4 6	69 7 6	274
...	6 13 7	3 1 5	...	6 3 0	...	30 18 0	37 14 11	834 18 0	394 14 11	275
1 8 0	...	...	...	...	...	1 8 0	1 0 0	125 8 0	142 0 0	276
0 10 0	1 10 0	...	...	0 7 6	0 5 0	2 12 6	2 14 3	109 12 6	109 14 3	277
1 10 0	8 14 0	1 10 0	...	1 11 6	0 10 0	13 15 0	12 14 11	179 15 0	190 14 11	278
1 4 0	5 10 9	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 2 0	1 17 6	11 13 6	11 8 6	631 13 6	170 8 6	279
1 6 1	2 13 5	0 15 0	...	0 17 6	0 12 0	6 4 0	5 19 3	114 4 0	111 19 3	280
0 12 0	4 18 1	0 10 0	...	1 0 0	1 0 0	8 0 1	7 12 5	315 0 1	143 12 5	281
0 12 0	2 13 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	4 5 0	5 13 0	151 5 0	147 13 0	282
0 10 6	0 10 6	...	...	0 10 6	...	1 11 6	1 10 0	120 11 6	120 10 6	283
1 14 9	11 13 9	2 0 0	...	...	...	15 8 6	4 15 10	208 8 6	219 15 10	284
1 10 0	4 8 3	...	...	...	...	5 18 3	6 14 0	115 18 3	118 14 0	285
2 0 0	15 14 4	2 16 7	4 0 0	1 16 0	1 6 6	27 13 8	6 18 7	462 13 5	239 18 7	286
29 12 2	181 0 9	33 9 6	6 6 0	27 12 6	14 4 5	312 5 4	198 13 3	5804 5 4	4460 13 3	

SUMMARY-

No.	PRESBYTERIES, &c.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.								Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.			Synod Fund.			Sustentation Fund Aid-Giving.	
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor, Congregational Missions, &c. &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.										
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.														
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	
1	Berwick ...	1475	172	1436	630	3713	436	4149	3315	1493	7	7	57	9	9	61	0	
2	Birmingham ...	1001	445	2328	420	4194	610	4804	3230	1996	2	2	47	0	0	30	0	
3	Bristol ...	1367	434	2141	809	4751	2086	6837	2910	1626	11	0	42	0	0	176	11	
4	Carlisle ...	753	336	1968	315	3372	257	3629	3050	2101	7	0	38	0	0	92	3	
5	Darlington ...	839	963	3375	492	5669	1839	7508	4314	2667	19	7	62	17	0	48	7	
6	Liverpool ...	7780	2020	8054	5527	23381	3251	26632	13600	6206	6	2	245	13	0	1147	16	
7	London ...	16734	5490	22395	11706	56325	13755	70080	31467	14641	19	10	513	0	0	2925	13	
8	Manchester ...	4338	965	7562	2689	15554	4945	20499	9382	4001	10	0	140	16	6	330	15	
9	Newcastle ...	4267	496	9841	3152	17756	1962	19718	11999	4219	10	1	206	5	0	461	7	
10	Northumberland ...	1772	396	1562	223	3953	1539	5492	4752	3035	13	0	60	0	0	20	0	
11	Donations, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	797	18	0	24	15	7	797	18
12	Scholarships ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Interest on Barbour Legacy (in suspense)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Church Building ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Aged and Infirm Ministers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Widows and Orphans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Women's Missionary Association ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		40326	11717	60662	25963	138668	30680	169348	88019	42791	4	5	1437	16	0	6091	12	

II. FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.											GRAND TOTAL.				No.
Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.				
						1886.	1885.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
42 15 4	167 3 2	13 1 0	9 1 6	16 12 7	17 7 3	327 0 10	393 18 4	4476 0 10	4939 18 4	1	1				
29 11 3	162 3 9	7 19 2	4 6 6	10 5 8	7 0 6	251 6 10	222 15 1	5055 6 10	4656 15 1	2	2				
39 8 8	321 18 2	34 6 6	9 3 10	29 4 6	8 0 10	618 12 6	705 11 3	7455 12 6	7619 11 3	3	3				
32 3 1	120 8 5	19 15 2	7 16 2	20 2 2	8 4 2	300 13 1	293 2 5	3929 13 1	3988 2 5	4	4				
28 19 8	402 13 5	19 0 8	10 9 10	18 19 3	6 16 3	535 6 7	539 16 11	8043 6 7	8782 16 11	5	5				
07 18 2	1828 16 5	121 19 7	124 15 8	152 9 6	37 2 5	3720 17 11	3384 19 5	30352 17 11	29646 19 5	6	6				
46 3 5	3351 4 6	513 6 8	207 17 11	347 4 10	129 9 0	8221 0 2	8458 2 7	78301 0 2	78489 2 7	7	7				
91 16 8	690 11 7	28 19 11	19 12 9	68 16 4	33 2 5	1363 14 10	1299 1 3	21862 14 10	19901 1 3	8	8				
05 1 10	529 19 8	52 13 4	27 18 9	83 1 8	32 5 4	1292 7 11	1354 0 7	21010 7 11	21795 0 7	9	9				
29 12 2	181 0 9	33 9 6	6 6 0	27 12 6	14 4 5	312 5 4	198 13 3	5804 5 4	4469 13 3	10	10				
88 7 5	8391 10 10	482 18 4	75 10 0	2315 5 10	75 6 10	12326 17 3	18463 6 10	12326 17 3	18463 6 10	11	11				
...	...	...	...	380 10 11	...	380 10 11	392 13 2	380 10 11	392 13 2	12	12	
...	...	...	...	166 16 6	...	166 16 6	...	166 16 6	...			
...	...	...	...	...	...	1747 12 7	7421 2 9	1747 12 7	7421 2 9	13	13
...	...	...	...	...	...	496 11 5	295 6 5	496 11 5	295 6 5	14	14
...	...	...	...	...	...	3384 0 4	3581 3 0	3384 0 4	3581 3 0	15	15
...	1740 1 0	...	...	...	...	1740 1 0	1663 19 5	1740 1 0	1663 19 5	16	16
41 17 8	17887 11 8	1327 8 10	502 18 11	3637 2 3	368 19 5	37185 16 0	48667 12 8	206533 16 0	216106 12 8						

ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH.

Dr. **THE SUSTENTATION FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,** *Cr.*
For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Payments to Ministers direct ...	41,178	9	8				By Receipts from Congregations	41,993	6	5
" Orphans' Fund	960	0	0				" " Donations	43	6	6
" Rev. J. M. Ross				42,138	9	8	" Dividends from Muter Estate	754	11	6
" Mrs. Galt				200	0	0				
" Proportion of Office Charges	365	11	7	20	0	0	By Deficiency taken from Reserve Fund...	42,791	4	5
" Travelling Expenses	20	10	7					17	7	10
" Synod Printing	34	15	9							
" College Rent and Teas	10	1	2							
" Cost of Inserting Monthly Contributions in ' Messenger',	6	0	0							
" Printing	9	0	2							
" Stamped Cheque Books	4	3	4							
				450	2	7				
				£42,808	12	3				
								£42,808	12	3

Dr. **THE RESERVE FUND (SUSTENTATION FUND) in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.** *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Amount drawn to meet deficiency in General account	17	7	10	By Balance from last account			
" Balance in Bank carried down	2,083	8	7				2,100 16 5
	£2,100	16	5				
				By Balance brought down			£2,100 16 5
							2,083 8 7

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. Audited and found correct,
February 15, 1887. ROBT. A. McLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1886.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

Dr.

To Dividends paid over to Sustentation Fund General Account ...	£	s.	d.
	754	11	6
	£754 11 6		

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CHANGES IN CAPITAL DURING 1886.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Capital repaid by Barlow & Jones (Limited)						
To Transfer to Interest Account, repayment						
of amount temporarily retained in						
1882 for Investments	68	9	7			
„ Invested in £31 8s. 10½. Consolidated						
3 % annuities at 100¼	31	10	5			
				100	0	0

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. MCLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, *February 15, 1887.*

INVESTMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1886.

£	8,360	Caledonian Railway	Consolidated Ordinary Stock.
	1,554	"	5 % Preference Stock.
	2,725	"	Deferred Ordinary Stock.
	1,400	North British Railway	Edinburgh and Glasgow 4½ % Preference Stock.
	1,500	London, Chatham, and Dover	Railway Arbitration Preference
	14,000	"	4½ % Stock.
		"	"
		"	"
		"	"
	4,000	New Zealand	4 % Consolidated Stock.
		50 Shares in Barlow & Jones (Limited),	£6 paid.
	£31	8s. 10d.	Consolidated 3 % annuities.
		E. & O. E.	JNO. LEGGAT,
		December 31, 1886.	Financial Secretary.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial

INVESTMENTS *at* DECEMBER 31, 1886.

East India Railway Annuities, Class B.

INVESTMENTS *at* DECEMBER 31, 1886.Bonds, 1903.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,
Dr. For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886. Cr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

To Annuities	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
" " Proportion of Office Charges	...	60	18	7	1,287	10	0
" " Travelling Expenses	...	6	14	6			
" " Synod Printing	...	9	11	11			
" " College Rent and Teas	...	3	10	5			
" " Stationery and Printing	...	2	7	10			
" Investments made during the Year	2,306	5	0	83	3	3	
Less amount realised	...	300	0	0			
					2,006	5	0
					3,376	11	3
					182	9	2
" Balance in Bank	...				£3,559	7	5

By Balance from last Year	..	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
" Interest on Capital	...	...	1,374	6	4	175	7	1
" Donations, Fees, &c.	...	...	197	4	0			
" Members' Premiums	...	...	1,812	10	0			
						3,384	0	4
" Balance brought down	...	...				£3,559	7	5
						182	9	2

ANNUITIES FUND.

To Paid Annuitants as per General Account	...	£	s.	d.	
" Balance	...	1,287	10	0	
	...	17,669	6	6	
		<hr/>			
		£18,956	16	6	
		<hr/>			
		By Balance from 1885			...
		" 70 per Cent. on Members' Contributions of £1,812 10s.			16,313 15 2
		" Interest on Capital			1,268 15 0
					...
					1,374 6 4
					£18,956 16 6

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

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MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.—BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Annuities Fund ...	...	...	...	By Sundry Investments at Cost Price	...	...	...
„ Capital Fund ...	...	...	...	„ Cash in Bank ...	...	...	...
	£33,538	2	1		£33,538	2	1

In conformity with the Rules of the Fund I have audited the above accounts, found them correct, examined the securities, and sent to the Committee, through the Treasurership Committee, a Valuation of the same as on December 31, 1886.

ROBT. A. McLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 25, 1887.

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1886.

JNO. LEGGAT, *Financial Secretary.*

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31 1886.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
DONATIONS.							
Rev. J. A. B. Cook	1	0	0	Jersey ...	...	...	...
„ F. ...	2	10	0	London, College Park	...	...	...
A Morris, Esq. ...	10	0	0	„ Streatham	...	...	...
A Thankoffering from a widow to whom the				Southampton, St. Andrew's	...	...	...
Fund is a great boon	5	0	0	Leeds, St. Columba	...	...	...
Clapham Road ...	7	0	0	Manchester, Trinity	...	...	...
				Oldham	...	...	...
INDUCTION FEES.				Gateshead, Ellison Street	...	...	...
Berwick, Wallace Green	10	0	0	Jarrow, St. Kilda's	...	...	...
Birmingham, Smethwick	3	2	0	Sunderland, Milfield	...	...	...
Shrewsbury	3	2	0	„ North Bridge Street	...	...	...
Hull, Prospect Street	10	0	0	„ St. George's
York ...	4	0	0	Swalwell
Croydon	10	0	0	Marriage fees
Edenbridge	4	0	0	
					£197	4	0

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£1,333 19 4

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£1,333 19 4

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THE CHURCH BUILDING AND DEBT EXTINCTION FUND in account with the
TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

Cr.

North-Eastern District Board.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grant paid to Forest Hall	...	...	By Balance from last year	...	...
" Proportion of Office Charges	48	14 11	" Loans repaid :—	...	...
" Travelling Expenses	10	8 8	Leicester	...	£25 0 0
" Synod Printing	6	18 11	West Hartlepool	...	100 0 0
" College Rent and Teas	5	10 5	Wigan	...	30 0 0
			Interest	...	155 0 0
Of which	71	12 11		...	114 18 1
Proportion allocated to this Board	...	23 17 7		269	18 1
" Balance in Bank	...	273 17 7	Of which proportion allocated to this Board	...	86 0 6
	...	305 19 7	" Contributions from Newcastle Presbytery	...	72 4 0
		<u>£579 17 2</u>			<u>£579 17 2</u>
			Balance brought down	...	305 19 7

North-Western and Midland District Board.

To Grants paid to :—			By Balance from last year	...	648 5 10
Hanley	180	0 0	" Proportion of Loans and Interest as above	...	74 3 10
Silloth	200	0 0	" Contributions from Carlisle Presbytery	23	3 0
Liverpool, Peel Road	100	0 0	" " Liverpool	...	610 0 0
" Proportion of General Charges as above	480	0 0	" " Manchester	...	403 10 0
	...	23 17 8			1,036 13 0
" Balance in Bank	...	503 17 8			
	...	1,255 5 0			
		<u>£1,759 2 8</u>	Balance brought down	...	£1,759 2 8
				...	1,255 5 1

The Foreign Missions Fund in account

For Year ended

Dr.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	...	...	...	...			1,641	14	7
To Missionaries' Salaries—									
AMOI,	Rev. W. S. Swanson	...	...	450	0	0			
	Rev. Wm. McGregor	...	...	420	0	0			
	Rev. Henry Thompson	...	...	350	0	0			
	Rev. John Watson	...	...	339	12	3			
	Rev. Dr. A. L. McLeish	...	...	350	0	0			
	Dr. Grant	...	...	250	0	0			
SWATOW,	Rev. George Smith	...	...	340	0	0			
	Rev. H. L. Mackenzie	...	...	390	0	0			
	Rev. William Duffus	...	...	390	0	0			
	Rev. J. C. Gibson	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. D. Melver	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. Wm. Riddel	...	...	320	0	0			
	Dr. Lyall	...	...	276	13	4			
	Dr. McPhun	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. Cousland	...	...	250	0	0			
	Mr. Wm. Paton	...	...	277	10	0			
FORMOSA,	Rev. William Campbell	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. Thomas Barclay	...	...	300	0	0			
	Rev. William Thow	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. Anderson	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. W. R. Thompson	...	...	330	0	0			
	Mr. Geo. Ede	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. John Lang	...	...	250	0	0			
SINGAPORE,	Rev. J. A. B. Cook	...	...	330	0	0			
INDIA,	Dr. D. Morison	...	...	375	16	8			
							8,059	12	3
„ Widows and Orphans' Fund, extra premium for residence abroad of									
25 Missionaries	...	...	...	...	...	...	125	0	0
„ Passage Money—									
Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Ede, homewards...				203	4	4			
Rev. H. L. Mackenzie and family	...	...	...	112	2	1			
Rev. D. and Mrs. Melver	...	...	...	94	2	6			
Rev. John Watson and family	...	...	...	161	4	8			
Mrs. Campbell and child	...	...	...	64	16	2			
Rev. Henry and Mrs. Thompson, outwards	...	...	...	129	1	4			
Mrs. Ede	...	...	...	61	17	7			
Rev. Dr. McLeish and family to Japan	...	...	...	53	7	6			
Rev. J. C. Gibson to Formosa	...	...	...	11	5	8			
Dr. Lang from Hong Kong to Formosa	...	...	...	11	10	10			
Rev. William Duffus to Hong Kong	...	...	...	3	17	9			
Dr. Lyall, charges on luggage	...	...	...	3	7	0			
							909	17	5
„ Travelling Expenses of Missionaries in England on									
Deputation work	...	...	...	...	...	...	166	14	3
„ Outfit of Missionaries—									
Dr. and Mrs. Lyall (return)	...	...	...	80	0	0			
Rev. Henry and Mrs. Thompson (return)	...	...	...	37	10	0			
							117	10	0
Home Charges—									
'Presbyterian Messengers'	...	...	...	273	18	6			
Illustrations for 'Children's Messenger'	...	...	...	44	17	2			
Insertion of Juvenile Contributions in 'Children's									
Messenger'	...	...	...	39	13	1			
Annual Reports	...	...	...	88	7	6			
Carried forward	...	...	...	446	16	3	11,020	8	6

with the Treasurership Committee,

DECEMBER 31, 1886.

Cr.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>By Congregational Contributions—</i>									
From Presbytery of Berwick	...	...	...	142	8	4			
" Birmingham	...	...	...	50	10	2			
" Bristol	...	...	...	266	15	10			
" Carlisle	...	...	...	66	8	4			
" Darlington	...	...	...	322	6	5			
" Liverpool	...	...	...	1,510	1	6			
" London	...	...	...	2,764	3	6			
" Manchester	...	...	...	466	10	11			
" Newcastle	...	...	...	339	13	7			
" Northumberland	...	...	...	121	4	1			
							6,050	2	8
„ <i>Juvenile Fund</i>	...	...	...				1,734	5	6
<i>„ Edinburgh Committee of Scottish Auxiliary Associations, for Salaries of—</i>									
Rev. George Smith	...	...	...	336	13	4			
Rev. W. McGregor	...	...	...	430	0	0			
Rev. W. Duffus	...	...	...	385	0	0			
Rev. D. McIver	...	...	...	320	0	0			
Rev. Dr. Riddel	...	...	...	320	0	0			
Dr. Lyall	...	...	...	250	0	0			
Dr. McPhun	...	...	...	250	0	0			
				2,291	13	4			
Subscriptions to Widows and Orphans' Fund	...			35	0	0			
For Printing Translation of second part of Mr. Burn's 'Pilgrim's Progress'	...			10	0	0			
For the extra work of Mr. Cook, of Singapore	...			10	0	0			
For a Hak-ka boy to Dr. Riddel	...			5	0	0			
Specially contributed by Mrs. Barbour towards deficiency	...	...	...	25	0	0			
On account of Passage Money and Outfit of Missionaries	...	...	...	51	10	9			
							2,428	4	1
<i>„ Legacies—</i>									
The late Mrs. Mackenzie (with Interest less Duty)	...			2,366	13	9			
„ D. Mackay, Thurso (Annual)	...			10	0	0			
							2,376	13	9
<i>„ Colonial and Continental Contributions—</i>									
Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, per Rev. Isaac Mackay	...	...	...	50	0	0			
Free Evangelical Church of Germany—									
Görlitz	...	...	...	5	12	9			
Breslau—Mrs. Bremner's Sunday School children	...	...	...	1	12	3			
							7	5	0
Dr. Murray Thompson, Rooskee, India	...			15	0	0			
							72	5	0
<i>„ Donations—</i>									
Miss A. R. Anderson	...	...	...	3	0	0			
Dr. Anderson	...	...	...	10	0	0			
Carried forward	...			13	0	0	12,661	11	0

Dr.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account*

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...	446	16	3	11,020	8	6
o <i>Home Charges</i> (continued)—								
	Share of Synod Reports and Printing	...	35	7	9			
	Share of Office Charges	...	243	14	6			
	Travelling Expenses of Presbytery Representatives	...						
	and Members of Committee	...	22	10	9			
	Missionary Boxes and Children's Cards	...	21	17	11			
	Stationery and Printing	...	22	18	0			
	Share of College Rent and Teas	...	14	1	3			
	'Messengers' to Missionaries and postage (2 years)	...	31	19	3			
	Rev. W. S. Swanson (Rent and Taxes)	...	66	4	9			
	Freight	...	2	9	0			
						907	19	5
„	<i>Interest on Overdrawn Account</i>	...				122	17	6
„ <i>Amoy Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—								
						Dols.		
	Salaries of 31 Native Preachers	...	2,310	00				
	„ 7 „ Teachers	...	383	00				
	„ 20 Chapel-keepers	...	449	00				
	Support of 8 Students and Seminary Expenses	...	248	61				
	Rents of Chapels, &c.	...	283	40				
	Wages of Boatmen and Boat Expenses	...	368	25				
	Travelling Expenses of Missionaries and helpers...	...	184	28				
	Expenses of Steam Launch and sending to					Dols.		
	Hong Kong for sale	...	250	42				
	<i>Less</i> sale of Moorings, &c.	...	84	29				
						166	13	
	Grants to Chapels	...	284	68				
	Maintaining and Repairing Mission Property	...	392	54				
	Middle School Expenses, <i>less</i> Fees	...	79	36				
	Chin-Chew Hospital Expenses, <i>less</i> Donations	...	188	67				
	Miscellaneous	...	112	95				
	Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	1,659	79				
						Dols.		
	Received for Rent of Mission House	...	618	42				
	Native Contributions	...	214	00				
	Sale of Dictionaries and Arithmetics	...	95	50				
	Donations, &c.	...	81	00				
	Balance from last account	...	514	66				
						1,523	58	
						85,587-08 or		
						£914 14 0		
	Medicines sent from England	...	199	14	4			
						1,114	8	4
„ <i>Swatow Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—								
	Salaries of 15 Native Preachers	...	988	00				
	„ 11 Chapel-keepers	...	276	14				
	„ 14 Private and School Teachers	...	694	00				
	Support of 20 Students and Seminary Expenses	...	596	03				
	Wages of 2 Boatmen and Boat Expenses	...	214	13				
	Rents, Repairs, and Station Expenses	...	630	89				
	Travelling and General Expenses	...	654	69				
	Grants in aid of Church Building	...	210	00				
	Middle School Expenses, <i>less</i> Fees	...	255	55				
	Printing-press Expenses, <i>less</i> Sales	...	50	21				
	Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	911	33				
						5,480	97	
	Donation from Kaikori, New Zealand	...	18	46				
	Native Contributions	...	273	52				
	Donation from Rev. G. Smith	...	60	00				
	Carried forward	...	351	78		5,480	97	
						13,165	13	9

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...	13	0	0	12,661	11	0
By <i>Donations</i> (continued)—							
Per Dr. Anderson, A Friend, Aberdeen	...	0	10	0			
" Miss Fuller Maitland, Elgin	...	5	0	0			
‘An aged Friend,’ Jersey	...	15	0	0			
‘Anonymous’	...	100	0	0			
‘Anonymous’	...	5	0	0			
Rev. Thomas Barclay	...	100	0	0			
H. Beck, Esq.	...	15	0	0			
John A. Beith, Esq., J.P.	...	100	0	0			
John Bell, Esq.	...	50	0	0			
Thomas Bell, Esq.	...	25	0	0			
Rev. Dr. Andrew A. Bonar, Glasgow	...	10	0	0			
T. D. Boyd, Esq.	...	20	0	0			
William Brander, Esq....	...	25	0	0			
Mrs. Caley	...	1	1	0			
James Cloudesley, Esq. (2 donations)	...	10	0	0			
William Cox, Esq.	...	1	0	0			
Dr. and Mrs. Thomson Crabbe	...	2	0	0			
J. Cunliffe, Esq. (2 donations)	...	150	0	0			
Sir Donald Currie	...	50	0	0			
‘D. M. M.’ (2 donations)	...	2	0	0			
C. C. Brown Douglas, Esq.	...	5	0	0			
John M. Douglas, Esq.	...	50	0	0			
George Duncan, Esq.	...	100	0	0			
‘F. R. W.’	...	50	0	0			
Rev. John Fairbairn	...	1	0	0			
Wm. Fraser, Esq., Birmingham	...	1	0	0			
‘A Friend’	...	110	0	0			
‘A Friend’	...	100	0	0			
‘A Friend’	...	50	0	0			
‘A Friend’	...	20	0	0			
‘A Friend,’ Fisher Street, Carlisle	...	1	0	0			
Friends in Scotland, per J. E. Mathieson, Esq.	...	10	0	0			
Friends in Sunderland, per Miss Miller	...	3	5	0			
G. to G. by G. of G.	...	50	0	0			
L. Gibson, Esq.	...	3	3	0			
Miss Goodall	...	1	0	0			
Miss T. L. Grave	...	0	2	6			
W. T. Grieve, Esq.	...	0	12	0			
T. K. Hardie, Esq.	...	10	0	0			
A. Rose Johnstone, Esq.	...	10	0	0			
Capt. H. King, R.N.	...	1	0	0			
A Lady per Thomas Matheson, Esq.	...	50	0	0			
Lady Friend, Barras Bridge, per J. H. P.	...	1	0	0			
A. H. Laidlay, Esq.	...	10	0	0			
Rev. Martin Lewis	...	3	0	0			
‘M.’	...	2	0	0			
‘M. M. M.’ for Medical Mission, Formosa	...	5	0	0			
J. Macandrew, Esq.	...	5	0	0			
‘A. McL.’	...	10	0	0			
Rev. D. McIver	...	25	0	0			
" H. L. Mackenzie	...	6	13	0			
Per Rev. H. L. Mackenzie—Lady Ashburton	...	15	0	0			
" Collection at Meeting							
Ho., Strathpeffer, N.B.		6	5	0			
" A Friend, Strathpeffer.		0	10	0			
Per Rev. D. McIver—Miss Balfour Strathconan	...	1	0	0			
" Dr. Balfour, Portobello	...	0	10	0			
" Collection at Auchnasheen, N.B.	...	0	17	2			
Dr. McPhun	...	15	0	0			
Thomas McQuarrie, Esq.	...	1	14	0			
Carried forward	...	1,435	2	8	12,661	11	0

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

(570)

Dr.		THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND <i>in account</i>			
		Dols.	Dols.	£	s. d.
	Brought forward ...	351-78	5,480-97	13,165	13 9
To <i>Sraton Mission Expenses</i> (continued)—					
	Interest on Bank Account ...	19-37			
		371-15			
	Balance from last Account ...	552-80			
			923-95		
			\$4557-02	or	761 15 8
„ <i>Hak-ka Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—					
	Salaries of 3 Preachers, 7 Student Preachers, 5 Students, 6 Teachers, and 6 Chapel-keepers ...		1,151-50		
	Rents and General Expenses ...		332-62		
	College Expenses ...		14-51		
	Boys' Schools, <i>less</i> Fees ...		115-32		
	Books, <i>less</i> Sales ...		9-61		
	Expenses of Dispensary at Ng-kang-phu, <i>less</i> Receipts ...		190-28		
	Travelling Expenses ...		255-04		
	Balance in Treasurer's hands ...		596-39		
			\$2,665-27		
	Balances from last account ...	1,004-96			
	Less advanced on account Girls' School ...	385-76			
	„ Error in Charging Salaries of Preachers in 1885 ...	85-99			
		471-75			
		533-21			
	Native Contributions ...	65-15			
			598-36		
			2,066-91		
	Expended on account of Girls' School (repaid by Women's Missionary Association) ...		348-86		
			\$2,415-77	or	400 0 0
„ <i>Formosa Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—					
	Salaries of 25 Preachers ...		1,092-51		
	College Tutor and 16 Students ...		659-00		
	Salaries of Missionaries' Teachers, and School Teachers... ..		270-00		
	Salaries of Chapel-keepers, &c. ...		206-50		
	Boys' School Expenses, <i>less</i> Fees ...		427-42		
	Grants in aid of Church Building ...		476-29		
	Travelling Expenses ...		Dols. 934-14		
	Hospital Expenses ...		764-43		
	Balance in hand ...		56-27		
			820-70		
	Repairs and General Expenses ...		138-32		
	Rent of House at Takow ...		Dols. 120-00		
	Towards purchase of new Hospital site ...		1186-30		
	Balance not yet paid ...		759-65		
			1,945-95		
	Balance in Treasurer's hands ...		188-15		
			7,278-98		
	Hospital Receipts ...		820-70		
	Balance from last account ...		661-08		
			1,481-78		
			\$5,797-20	or	
			£939 10 10		
	Medicines sent from England ...		91 16 5		
			1031 7 3		
	Carried forward ...		15,358 16 8		

with the 'TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Or.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...	...	1,435	2	8	12,661	11	0
By Donations (continued)—								
G. A. Main, Esq., J.P. ...	...	...	5	0	0			
H. M. Matheson, Esq. ...	...	...	100	0	0			
Miss Matheson for 'Messengers' to Subscribers	...	...	6	19	6			
Dr. Maxwell ...	...	...	1	1	0			
Per Dr. Maxwell—'A Friend' ...	...	...	0	5	0			
" " Miss Frith ...	...	...	1	0	0			
" " Mrs. Sandison ...	...	...	3	0	0			
" " Miss Whitfield ...	...	...	1	0	0			
" " T. N. Whitfield, Esq. ...	...	...	1	0	0			
'Mie' ...	...	...	0	15	0			
Rev. Alexander Millar ...	...	...	3	0	0			
J. T. Morton, Esq. ...	...	...	500	0	0			
'N. T.' ...	...	...	3	0	0			
Miss Oliver's Mothers' Bible Class	...	...	0	16	0			
Alexander Paton, Esq. ...	...	...	5	0	0			
J. Pearce, Esq. ...	...	...	0	8	6			
Miss Sarah Perry ...	...	...	0	12	6			
'R. W.' ...	...	...	100	0	0			
Rev. J. G. van Rijn ...	...	...	2	0	0			
Rev. Dr. Riddel ...	...	...	13	16	0			
James Robertson, Esq. ...	...	...	5	0	0			
J. R. Robertson, Esq. ...	...	...	5	0	0			
Samuel Stitt, Esq., J.P. ...	...	...	100	0	0			
George Sturge, Esq., Fourth and Fifth Instalments of £1,000 ...	...	...	200	0	0			
H. H. Sutherland, Esq. ...	...	...	20	0	0			
John A. Swanston, Esq. ...	...	...	20	0	0			
Thankoffering ...	...	...	50	0	0			
Rev. W. M. Thompson's Family Box	...	...	3	9	3			
Rev. W. M. Thompson ...	...	...	0	10	6			
J. M. Thompson, Esq. ...	...	...	0	10	6			
Rev. W. Thow ...	...	...	10	0	0			
R. T. Turnbull, Esq. ...	...	...	250	0	0			
Van der Meulen Trust ...	...	...	1	0	0			
W. and G. ...	...	...	1	0	0			
Miss Walker ...	...	...	0	10	0			
Mrs. Margaret Wallace ...	...	...	1	0	0			
Misses Waterhouse ...	...	...	5	0	0			
Rev. John Watson, of Amoy ...	...	...	2	2	3			
W. Westgarth, Esq. ...	...	...	50	0	0			
J. C. White, Esq. ...	...	...	100	0	0			
Joseph H. Whitehorn, Esq. ...	...	...	5	0	0			
James Wilson, Esq. ...	...	...	10	10	0			
A Working-man's Thank-offering	...	...	2	0	0			
Jasper Young, Esq. ...	...	...	25	0	0			
Donations on account of India—								
A Laidlay, Esq. ...	...	...	10	0	0			
R. W. Laidlay, Esq. ...	...	...	10	0	0			
George McLeod, Esq. ...	...	...	10	0	0			
Arthur Magniac, Esq. ...	...	...	50	0	0			
Messrs. C. S. & H. K. Patterson, on account of Orphanage ...	...	...	1	0	0			
J. R. Bullen Smith, Esq., C.S.I. ...	...	...	20	0	0			
On account of Singapore Chapel Purchase—								
Mrs. Barbour ...	...	£5	0	0				
E. Boustead, Esq. ...	...	30	0	0				
J. Henderson, Esq. ...	...	15	0	0				
M. Little, Esq. ...	...	10	0	0				
Jasper Young, Esq.	30	18	0	90	18	0	
						3,243	6	8
Carried forward				15,904	17	8

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

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Dr.		THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND <i>in account</i>			
		Dols.	Dols.	£	s. d.
Brought forward	...			15,358	16 8
To <i>Singapore Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—					
Salaries of Preachers	...	...	224	00	
Teachers	...	...	188	00	
Travelling Expenses	...	...	154	09	
Mission House rent	...	...	436	50	
Pony, Man, and Gharry expenses	...	...	338	78	
Books, <i>less</i> Sales	...	...	41	28	
Medical Account	...	...	60	10	
Stamps, Stationery, &c.	...	...	25	00	
On account of Purchase of Chapel	...	...	400	00	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...	195	37	
			2,063	12	
Native Contributions	...	108	00		
Donations received	...	18	40		
Balance from last account	...	455	99		
			582	39	
			\$1,480	73	or
			£250	0 0	
Extra allowance to Mr. Cook for Expenses	...		60	0 0	
				310	0 0
„ <i>India Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—					
Schools, <i>less</i> Grant and Fees	...	Rs. 451	3 0		
Dispensary, <i>less</i> Fees and Medicines	...	327	15 0		
Church Repairs	...	454	3 6		
Evangelist	...	598	10 0		
Rent, Taxes, and Repairs	Rs. 550	6 0			
<i>Less</i> rent of Mission bungalow	420	0 0			
			130	6 0	
Horses and Oxen	...	383	13 6		
Colporteur	...	155	4 3		
Books and Tracts, <i>less</i> Sales	...	49	3 9		
Orphans	...	75	4 0		
Boat Expenses, <i>less</i> Hire	...	11	0 9		
Travelling and General Expenses	...	276	15 3		
Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	1,110	1 6		
			4,024	0 6	
Contributions from Europeans	Rs. 437	4 0			
Native Contributions	80	13 3			
Contribution from Mrs. Chapman for Evangelist	303	10 0			
Contribution from Miss Bell per Miss Symington for Orphans	90	10 0			
Government aid to Orphans	20	0 0			
Balance from last account	1022	9 9			
			1954	15 0	
			Rs. 2069	1 6	or
			£150	0 0	
Medicines sent from England	...	29	17 9		
				179	17 9
„ <i>Rangoon</i> —					
Grant to assist in Salary of Agent for Chinese	...	...	25	0 0	
			15,873	14 5	
Balance in Bank	...	...	319	13 8	
			£16,193	8 1	

Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. McLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., February 15, 1887.

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward			15,904	17	8
By	<i>Collections at Missionary Meetings—</i>								
	At Alnwick	6	0	0			
	At Manchester	...	...	7	8	0			
	At Aberfeldy, per Rev. D. McIver	...	...	7	3	8			
							20	11	8
„	<i>Students' Missionary Society—</i>								
	On account of India	...	...	...	...	...	220	1	4
„	<i>Glasgow Free Church Students' Missionary Society—</i>								
	On account of Formosa (Balance)	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
„	<i>Women's Missionary Association—</i>								
	Repayment of money advanced on account of Hak-ka Girls' School						45	17	5

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT for the Year ending DECEMBER 31, 1886.

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PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries in China—								By Balance from last Account		702	12	2
Misses Black, Butler, Johnson,								" Donations and Subscriptions—		...	...	...
MacLagan, Mann & Stuart...		...			...			Associations, as per List		...	1,496	1	10		
" Salaries in India—								Sundries		...	197	15	9		
Miss Bayly, for 1 year		...			150	0	0	Interest on Mrs. Buchanan's Legacy—		...			1693	17	7
Miss Symington, for 13 months		160	17	3				For Girls' School at Swatow		...			46	3	5
Less returned by her for outfit															
and passage		...	75	0	0										
" Outfits—					85	17	3								
Misses Harkness and Thomson		...													
" Passages and Baggage Expenses—															
Misses Butler, Stuart, and Johnston in															
China		...			23	2	0								
Misses Harkness and Thomson to China		...			106	1	4								
Misses Mann and Ricketts from China		...			95	6	1								
Miss Bayly from India		...			38	14	7								
" Home Charges—					263	4	0								
Doctors' Certificates		...			3	3	0								
Annual Meeting, Printing, &c.		...			11	3	9								
Deputation Expenses		...			13	15	6								
" Our Sisters' cost, less Sales...		...			30	14	4								
" Expenditure at Mission Stations—															
Amoy as below		...			120	16	8								
Formosa		...			131	1	4								
Hak-ka		...			45	17	5								
Swatow		...			165	15	7								
					463	11	0								
" Balance carried forward		...			2,021	8	10								
					421	4	4								
					£2,442	13	2						£2,442	13	2

L. M. ANDERSON, *Hon. Treasurer.*
Examined and found correct,
HENRY J. WENHAM, *Hon. Auditor.*

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

WOMEN'S MISSION FUND.

(575)

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AT MISSION STATIONS.

RECEIPTS.	AMOY.	FORMOSA.	HAK-KA.	SWATOW.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance from last account ...	17 16 7	6 16 11	—	21 0 0	45 13 6
Remittances from home, as above ...	120 16 8	131 1 4	45 17 5	165 15 7	463 11 0
Donations ...	8 8 0	—	—	—	8 8 0
School Fees and Sales of Books, &c. ...	6 14 4	—	2 9 11	16 1 10	25 6 1
Rent of Ladies' house, six months ...	20 0 0	—	—	—	20 0 0
	<u>£173 15 7</u>	<u>£137 18 3</u>	<u>£48 7 4</u>	<u>£202 17 5</u>	<u>£562 18 7</u>
PAYMENTS.					
Ladies' Chinese Teachers ...	17 0 0	11 13 4	—	14 0 0	42 13 4
Bible-women's Salaries and Expenses ...	13 3 8	—	7 10 0	60 8 11	81 2 7
School Teachers' Salaries and School Expenses ...	78 17 8	1 3 4	26 16 8	96 10 5	203 8 1
Repairs and Insurance of Ladies' houses ...	17 1 10	18 16 8	—	11 2 5	47 0 11
Furnishing of Ladies' houses ...	33 5 8	35 0 0	—	—	68 5 8
Furnishing of Schools ...	2 11 8	32 16 8	11 18 6	—	47 6 10
Travelling Expenses ...	6 5 0	3 0 0	—	3 15 7	13 0 7
Petty Expenses, Consular Fees, Loss on Exchange, &c. ...	1 7 3	2 15 3	—	6 19 8	11 2 2
	<u>169 12 9</u>	<u>105 5 3</u>	<u>46 5 2</u>	<u>192 17 0</u>	<u>514 0 2</u>
Balances carried forward...	4 2 10	32 13 0	2 2 2	10 0 5	48 18 5
	<u>£173 15 7</u>	<u>£137 18 3</u>	<u>£48 7 4</u>	<u>£202 17 5</u>	<u>£562 18 7</u>

JEWISH MISSION FUND *in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.*

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For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries—									
Rev. T. J. Meyer ...	500	0	0	97	12	9
Mr. Polan ...	100	0	0			
Dr. Kerr (10 months) ...	210	15	0			
Whitechapel Mission—				810	15	0			
Housekeeper's Wages	10	0	0				13	1	0
Mission Expenses ...	56	13	3				7	19	2
Rent ...	80	0	0				34	5	6
Expenses of Reading Room ...	10	18	5				13	19	11
Morocco Mission—				157	11	8	...	...	...
Outfit of Dr. and Mrs. Kerr (balance)	52	10	0				17	7	2
Passage Money and Travelling Expenses	28	4	0				120	9	7
Rent of Houses ...	31	8	0				511	0	3
Repairs and Furnishing ...	28	5	4				28	19	11
Medicines and Tracts ...	44	4	5				40	12	1
Less received for Medicine and Attendance ...	18	8	0				33	9	6
Expenses of Interpreter	25	16	5				821	4	1
Balance in Dr. Kerr's hands	7	10	0				...	...	...
Proportion of Office Charges ...	48	14	11				...	...	...
Travelling Expenses ...	6	10	3				...	...	...
Synod Printing ...	10	2	5				...	...	...
College Rent and Teas ...	3	0	5				...	...	...
Pew Notices ...	12	16	9				...	...	...
Reports and Printing ...	5	5	0				...	...	...
Balance in Bank ...	1,231	7	10				...	...	...
	193	13	9				...	...	...
	£1,425	1	7				...	...	...
Audited and found correct,							...	...	...
ROBT. A. McLEAN,							...	...	...
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.							...	...	...
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.							...	...	...
February 15, 1887.							...	...	...
By Balance from last year							...	...	...
Congregational Contributions:—							...	...	...
Presbytery of Berwick ...							...	...	...
" Birmingham ...							...	...	...
" Bristol ...							...	...	...
" Carlisle ...							...	...	...
" Darlington ...							...	...	...
" Liverpool ...							...	...	...
" London ...							...	...	...
" Manchester ...							...	...	...
" Newcastle ...							...	...	...
" Northumberland ...							...	...	...
Sabbath Schools ...							...	...	...
Donations... ..							...	...	...
United Presbyterian Church ...							...	...	...
Balance brought down							...	...	...
E. & O. E.							...	...	...
December 31, 1886.							...	...	...
JNO. LEGGAT,							...	...	...
Financial Secretary.							...	...	...

THE CONTINENTAL CHURCHES in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grants, viz. :—						
Christian Missionary Church of Belgium	50	0	0			
Evangelical Society of France	20	0	0			
Geneva	20	0	0			
Evangelistic Work of the Union of the						
Free Churches of France	20	0	0			
Rev. R. W. McAll's Mission, Paris	10	0	0			
Evangelistic Work of the Welsh Cal-						
vinistic Methodists in Brittany	10	0	0			
Free Church of Italy	15	0	0			
Waldensian Church Mission	35	0	0			
Spanish Evangelisation Society	40	0	0			
Lisbon Mission, per Rev. R. Stewart	10	0	0			
Bohemian and Moravian Evangelisation	20	0	0			
				250	0	0
Special Objects :—						
Remitted Treasurers, as per contra	18	5	7			
Proportion of Office Charges	3	5	7			
Travelling Expenses	6	10	2			
Synod Printing	23	12	7			
Pew Notices (2 years)	2	14	2			
Proportion of College Rent and Teas				54	8	1
				449	18	1
Balance in Bank				308	1	3
By Balance from last year						
Congregational Contributions :—						
Presbytery of Berwick	9	1	6			
Birmingham	4	6	6			
Bristol	9	3	10			
Carlisle	6	6	2			
Darlington	10	9	10			
Liverpool	99	15	8			
London	152	2	1			
Manchester	10	9	9			
Newcastle	27	8	9			
Northumberland	4	6	0			
				333	10	1
Sabbath Schools				10	18	10
Donations				13	0	0
Special Objects :—						
Christian Missionary Church						
of Belgium—						
Blackburn, St. George's	6	0	0			
Donations :—						
A Lover of Belgian Church,						
per Rev. R. H. Lundie	5	0	0			
Torquay Friends, per Rev.						
Dr. Symington	2	10	0			
				13	10	0
Rev. R. W. McAll's Mission, Paris—						
Wooler West	2	0	0			
Waldensian Church :—						
Congregational Contributions—						
Liverpool, Sefton Park	25	0	0			
London, Regent Square,						
per Mrs. Watson	25	0	0			
London, St. John's Wood	25	0	0			
Donations—						
Robert McEwen, Esq.	5	0	0			
Samuel Smith, Esq., M.P.,						
for the College, Pomaret,						
Waldensian Valleys	50	0	0			
				130	0	0
				145	10	0
				£757	19	4
				308	1	3
Balance brought down						

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. MCLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1887.

E. & O. F.

December 31, 1886.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

CONTINENTAL MISSIONS FUND.

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COLLEGE TRUST *in account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Rev. William Ballantyne, Secretary	10	0	0	0	217
" Balance transferred to College Fund	1,347	4	2		10
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							£1,357
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COLLEGE TRUST CAPITAL ACCOUNT *in account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank	178	13	4		78
							13
							4
							100
							0
							0
							£178
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Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. McLEAFAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., February 15, 1887.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1886.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

For year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

Dr.

For year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

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To paid Holders of Scholarships, as under—

Hamilton—	...	40	0	0
Mr. W. D. Wright				
Duncan—	...	25	0	0
Mr. H. Crombie				
Robertson—	...	30	0	0
Mr. Edward Gunner				
Anderson—	...	30	0	0
Mr. W. W. Goldsworthy				
Gillespie—	...	50	0	0
Mr. E. J. Gilchrist, M.A.				
Muter—	...	30	0	0
Second year, Mr. E. H. E. Franks				
Third year, Mr. W. G. Jordan, B.A.				
McKerrow—	...	20	0	0
Mr. W. Finlay				
Newcastle—	...	25	0	0
Mr. W. J. Gillespie				
Crichton—	...	25	0	0
Mr. W. Douglass Reid, M.A.				
Munro—	...	25	0	0
Mr. W. J. Gomersall				
Printing Prospectus and Examination Papers	3	8	0	330
Rev. W. Ballantyne's Expenses	3	0	0	0
Balance in Bank	336
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Audited and found correct,

ROBERT A. MCLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1887.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year	53	1	10
Hamilton and Duncan Scholarships—						
One Year on £1,450 Oude and Rohilkund Railway 5 per cent. (less Tax)	70	1	8
Robertson Scholarship—						
One Year on £877 2s. 4d. Indian Government 4 per Cent. Stock (less Tax)	33	18	4
Anderson Scholarship—						
One Year on £500 Canadian 4 per Cent. Consolidated Stock (less Tax)	19	6	8
Gillespie Scholarship—						
One Year on £1,000 Canadian 4 per Cent. Consolidated Stock (less Tax)	38	13	4
Muter Scholarships—						
One Year on £2,075 Great Northern Railway 4½ per cent. Preference Stock (less Tax)	90	5	2
Munro Scholarship—						
One Year on £500 Madras Railway 5 per Cent. Stock (less Tax)	24	3	4
McKerrow Scholarship—						
Proceeds of Chief Rent, per T. Hall, Esq.	19	10	8
Newcastle Scholarship—						
Proceeds per T. Y. Strachan, Esq.	25	0	0
Grichton Scholarship—						
Proceeds per W. P. Sinclair, Esq., M.P.	£25	0	0	
On account of Expenses, per W. P. Sinclair, Esq., M.P.	5	0	0	
Transfer from Barbour Suspense Account				30	0	0
—Deficiency in Anderson and Gillespie Scholarships	20	0	0
Income Tax returned...	9	11	9
				380	10	11
Balance brought down	£433	12	9
				97	4	9

F. & O. F.

December 31, 1886.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

INSTRUCTION FUND.

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THE INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.
Dr. For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

Cr.

To Grants to Day Schools ...	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
" Proportion of Office Charges ...	...	18	5	7	...	...	...
" Travelling Expenses ...	...	8	10	8	...	...	...
" Synod Printing ...	...	16	8	7	...	...	...
" College Rent and Teas ...	...	3	0	5	...	...	...
" Pew Notices ...	...	12	10	0	...	...	...
Sabbath School Scheme Expenses	...	25	13	10	...	...	...
Less from John Price, Esq., J.P., on account of Circulation of Reports ...	...	10	10	0	...	...	...
" Printing on account of Day Schools	...	73	9	11	...	...	...
" Shorter Catechism Prizes, 1885 ...	...	37	12	11	...	...	...
" " " 1886 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bible Band Scheme—Prizes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Higher Instruction Scheme Expenses — Prizes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Certificates and Diplomas	...	14	18	11	...	...	...
Modals	...	17	6	6	...	...	...
Extra Reports sent to Candidates	...	13	7	0	...	...	...
Examination Papers and Stationery	...	18	11	0	...	...	...
Postages and Carriage	...	7	2	6	...	...	...
" "	...	7	0	10	...	...	...
Balance in Bank	...	78	6	9	...	...	...
	...	428	6	6	...	...	...
	...	101	12	4	...	...	...
	...	£529	18	10	...	...	...
Audited and found correct,							
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1887.							
ROBT. A. McLEAN, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.							
By Balance from last year ...	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
" Congregational Contributions—Presbytery of Berwick ...	...	17	7	3	...	...	...
" " Birmingham ...	...	6	0	6	...	...	...
" Bristol ...	...	8	0	10	...	...	...
" Carlisle ...	...	8	4	2	...	...	...
" Darlington ...	...	6	0	0	...	...	...
" Liverpool ...	...	35	9	1	...	...	...
" London ...	...	127	15	6	...	...	...
" Manchester ...	...	33	2	5	...	...	...
" Newcastle ...	...	30	5	4	...	...	...
" Northumberland ...	...	14	4	5	...	...	...
Sabbath Schools ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Donations on account of Shorter Catechism Prize Fund... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		286	9	6			
		7	3	1			
		75	6	10			
Balance brought down	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.

E. & O. E. December 31, 1886.							
JNO. LEGGAT, Financial Secretary.							

Audited and found correct.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London,
ROBT. A. MCLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
February 15, 1887.

E. & O. F.
December 31, 1886.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

Dr. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.—BALANCE SHEET, December 31, 1886. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Loan from Bankers	...	...	...	500	0	0			
" Accounts due by the Committee	...	...	...	1,839	11	3 $\frac{1}{4}$			
" Suspense ...	...	...	...	0	5	3 $\frac{1}{4}$			
By Stock—									
'Children's Messenger'	...	...	...				53	4	9
Shorter Catechism	26	11	2						
Books and Sundries	656	12	5 $\frac{1}{2}$				683	3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Office Furniture and Fittings	...	...	...						736 8 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
" Accounts due to the Committee	...	...	...						129 0 0
" Cash in hand and in Bank	...	...	...						888 8 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
" Balance of Profit and Loss Account being:—									4 7 11 $\frac{3}{4}$
(a) Loss on 'Presbyterian Messenger'	285	1	0						
May to December	506	5	2 $\frac{1}{4}$						
(b) " General account	...	...	...			
Less Balance of Capital from 1885				791	6	2 $\frac{1}{4}$			
				170	13	11 $\frac{3}{4}$			
							620	12	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
							£2,339	16	7

ROBT. A. McLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

ROBT. A. MCLEAN,
Charter

Dr.

OFFICE CHARGES in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.

Dr.				For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1886.				Cr.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.				
To Salaries	965 0 0	By Sustainment Fund	...	...	365 11 7		
" Rent, Cleaning, and Fires	167 12 3	" Foreign Missions	...	...	243 14 6		
" Postages and Receipt Stamps	71 18 2	" Home Mission	...	...	97 9 8		
" Stationery and Printing	34 9 10	" Jewish Mission	...	...	48 14 11		
" Financial Secretary's Guarantee Premium	10 0 0	" Continental Churches	...	...	18 5 7		
" Auditor's Fee for 1885	10 0 0	" College Fund	...	...	18 5 7		
" Bank Commission	26 5 0	" Instruction of Youth	...	...	60 18 7		
" Telegrams	0 19 4	" Church Building and Debt Extinction Funds	...	...	18 5 7		
" Repairs and Furnishing	1 3 2	" Aged and Infirm Ministers	...	...	48 14 11		
" Carriage of Parcels, &c.	2 8 3	" Widows and Orphans	...	...	12 3 8		
" Directory	0 17 6	" Synod Fund	...	...	60 18 7		
" Gas	1 5 0	" Interest on Deposit Account	243 14 5				
" Insurance	0 12 11		1,218 12 0						
" Sundry Incidental Expenses	6 0 0		65 12 4						
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Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. MCLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, February 15, 1887.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1886.

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December 31, 1886.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial

SUMMARY OF SYNODICAL FUNDS.

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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FOR SYNODICAL FUNDS.

	1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sustentation Fund :—						
Aid from Congregations,	5,337 1 5	5,526 18 6	5,600 8 8	5,895 9 10	6,137 12 1	6,025 14 10
and Donations ...	—	—	—	—	—	142 6 5
Scottish Subsidy	—	200 0 0	—	—	—	—
Reserve Fund (Legacy)	754 11 6	733 8 2	800 17 3	761 8 11	727 8 2	222 1 2
Mutur Interest ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
	6,091 12 11	6,460 6 8	6,401 5 11	6,659 18 9	6,865 0 3	6,390 2 5
Home Mission	1,741 17 8	1,825 14 3	1,586 1 0	2,798 3 0	1,960 8 11	2,042 13 1
Church Building and Debt						
Extinction ...	1,747 12 7	*7,421 2 9	832 16 5	1,096 15 3	210 8 6	379 15 8
Foreign Missions ...	17,887 11 8	17,887 0 0	17,131 4 1	16,425 0 7	16,662 7 10	13,013 2 2
Jewish Mission ...	1,327 8 10	788 19 4	859 1 1	881 16 4	900 15 3	803 12 10
Continental Missions	502 18 11	448 9 1	498 10 8	528 12 9	613 5 8	944 1 4
Aged and Infirm Ministers	496 11 5	295 6 5	362 3 8	300 1 2	301 3 11	303 0 8
Widows and Orphans	3,384 0 4	3,581 3 0	3,470 7 8	3,139 15 10	3,967 12 8	2,605 3 9
College ...	3,089 14 10	19,252 17 2	3,402 7 0	3,478 2 4	12,865 15 5	5,838 17 3
Scholarships ...	380 10 11	392 13 2	365 15 2	395 11 2	408 4 5	362 8 8
Interest on Barbour Legacy						
(in suspense) ...	166 16 6	—	—	—	—	—
Instruction of Youth	368 19 5	311 18 10	261 12 11	268 3 9	158 9 3	154 19 5
Synod Fund ...	1,437 16 10	1,409 7 10	1,404 19 3	1,372 12 5	1,364 11 0	1,266 19 11
Union Thanksgiving	—	—	—	232 0 0	4,118 16 4	1,384 12 0
	38,623 12 10	50,074 18 6	36,576 4 10	37,576 16 4	50,396 19 5	35,489 9 2

(*) Including Legacy of £5,000.
(†) " " Legacies £6,000.

OVERTURES.

I. AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

From Presbytery of Manchester.

AT Bowdon, the tenth day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven Years; which time and place the Presbytery of Manchester being met and duly constituted:

Inter alia,—

It was moved by the Rev. J. T. M'Gaw, and seconded by the Rev. William Young, that the following Overture be transmitted to the Synod, viz.:—

- 'Whereas it has been recognised by the Church that the support of Ministers who have become disqualified for active duty, by age or affliction, calls for special provision.
- 'Whereas failure to provide adequately for such cases as arise from time to time is calculated to do injury to the highest interests of the Church.
- 'Whereas the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, established by generous friends, many years ago, and at present administered as a department of Ministerial Support, is inadequate to meet the increased needs of an expanding Church.
- 'And whereas it appears that the amount of aid required cannot be secured until the Fund is placed in the position of a distinct scheme of the Church, appealing directly to Ministers and Congregations:
- 'It is humbly overtured, by the Presbytery of Manchester, to the Very Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, to take these premises into consideration, and to take such steps as may be necessary to constitute the Fund a distinct Synodical Scheme, so as to bring its claims directly before all the people from year to year, and thus secure a more adequate provision for those Ministers who become disabled in the service of the Church.'

The Motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Rev. J. T. M'Gaw and Mr. Charles Macdonald were appointed to support the Overture at the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Manchester by

JOHN GORDON, *Pres. Clerk.*

II. ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

1. *From Presbytery of Berwick.*

At Wallace Green Church, Berwick-upon-Tweed, the fifth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven Years; which time and place the Presbytery of Berwick being duly met and constituted:

Inter alia,—

The Rev. W. A. Walton moved the adoption of the following Overture:—

- 'Whereas the faithful observance of the Lord's Day is to the glory of God, and has always been found highly conducive to the true prosperity of the Church.

Whereas also the social habits of the present day tend to destroy the sacredness of the Day of Rest.

“And whereas it is the Church’s duty to bear witness to the necessity of upholding and faithfully preserving the privileges of the weekly Sabbath, not only for the benefit of her own members, but of all classes of men; and its silence might be regarded as indifference:

‘It is hereby overtured to the Synod, appointed to meet at Manchester on April 25, to take the premises into consideration, and to devise such measures, by the appointment of a committee or otherwise, as may secure that the proper attitude of the Church in this respect may find a suitable expression.’

The Motion being seconded by the Rev. P. Valence, was unanimously agreed to; and the Rev. W. A. Walton was appointed to support the Overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Berwick by

A. F. DOUGLAS, *Pres. Clerk.*

2. *From Presbytery of London.*

At the College, Queen Square House, the twelfth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven Years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met, and was duly constituted:

Inter alia,—

The following Overture was submitted by Mr. Robert Wales, who moved its transmission:—

‘Whereas the faithful observance of the Lord’s Day is of primary importance for the spiritual and physical welfare of the community.

‘And whereas there are at the present time various indications of attack upon its observance.

‘And whereas there is danger that the silence of the Church at such a time may be regarded as indifference:

‘It is humbly overtured to the Synod appointed to meet at Manchester on April 25 next, to take the premises into consideration, and to devise such measures, by the appointment of a Committee or otherwise, as will secure that the proper attitude of the Church in this respect will find suitable expression.’

The Motion was seconded by the Rev. Peter Carmichael.

It was moved by Mr. John Bell, seconded by Mr. Walter Pope, that the Overture be not transmitted.

The vote having been taken, it was found that the transmission of the Overture was carried by a large majority, and the Presbytery resolved accordingly. Messrs. Wales and Carmichael were appointed to support the Overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

III. CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGES.

From Presbytery of London.

At the College, Queen Square House, London, the twelfth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Seven Years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met, and was duly constituted:

Inter alia,—

The following Overture was submitted by Rev. Dr. Fraser and cordially transmitted:

‘Whereas a Bill has been introduced into the House of Commons during the present Session by the Attorney-General, having for its object to alter and amend the law for the Celebration of Marriages in England and Wales:

‘It is hereby respectfully overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Synod about to meet at Manchester, to take the said Bill into consideration, and take

such steps as it may see fit to express the mind of this Church regarding the change of the law therein proposed.'

The Revs. Dr. Fraser and Dr. Morison were appointed to appear before the Synod in support of the Overture.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

IV. OPIUM TRAFFIC.

From Presbytery of London.

At the College, Queen Square House, London, the twelfth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven Years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met, and was duly constituted:

Inter alia,—

The following Overture was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Moore, and cordially trans. mitted:

'Whereas it is the duty of the Church of Christ to protest against National Acts which are inconsistent with the principles of righteousness and humanity, and alien to the teachings of the gospel of Christ.

'And whereas the Opium Traffic between our Indian Empire and China is a source of evil and a hindrance to the cause of Missions:

'It is humbly overtured to the Synod appointed to meet on April 25 next, to take the premises into consideration, and deal with the question as to its wisdom may seem fit.'

Dr. Moore, with Mr. H. M. Matheson, were appointed to support the Overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk*

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OF

THE SYNOD

OF THE

Presbyterian Church of England

HELD AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, ON THE
30TH DAY OF APRIL, AND THE 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH
DAYS OF MAY, 1888 ;

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE SYNOD'S COMMITTEES
AND OTHER PAPERS RECEIVED BY THE COURT.



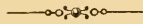
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SYNOD

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND,

1888.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and within Monday,
Westmorland Road Church, on April 30th,
Monday, the 30th day of April,
1888, at Six o'clock p.m.

Which time and place the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of England, and Ruling Elders, Commissioners to the Synod of said Church, appointed to be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne this day, convened; and Divine Service was conducted by the Rev. WILLIAM S. SWANSON, Missionary from China, and Moderator of last Synod, who preached from Josh v. 13—vi. 2.

Thereafter, and the services of the sanctuary having been concluded, the Synod was constituted with prayer, by Mr. SWANSON; and the names of the Ministers and Elders on the Clerk's Roll were laid on the table as follow :—

MINISTERIAL FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Rev. George Smith, M.A. ...	Swatow.	* Rev. Henry Thompson ...	Amoy.	Roll of Synod.
William S. Swanson ...	Amoy.	* Donald MacIver, M.A. ...	Swatow.	
* H. L. Mackenzie, M.A. ...	Swatow.	* John Watson, M.A. ...	Amoy.	
* William Macgregor, M.A. ...	Amoy.	* William Thow, M.A. ...	Formosa.	
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* John C. Gibson, M.A. ...	Swatow.	* Wm. Riddell, M.A., M.B. ...	Swatow.	
* Thomas Barclay, M.A.	Formosa.	* Alexander Gregory.		

PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Alex. F. Douglas, <i>Clerk</i>	Mr. Thomas Carter	Ancroft Moor
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James Mackie	* William Millican	Belford
Robert Scott	Peter Richardson	Berwick, Bank Hill
Joseph Rorke	Robert Lee	„ Church Street
W. Ainslie Walton, M.A., B.D.	James Brown	„ Wallace Green
* David Young		Chatton
James A. Craig	William Lowrie	Crookham
George McGuffie	Adam Mathewson	Etal
* Peter Valence		Horncliffe
		<i>Holy Island</i>
J. Moorhead Macnair, LL.D.	John Hooper	Lowick
William Haig	John Aynsley	Norham, North
George H. Main	George Storey	„ South
Archibald Alexander, M.A.	David Wilson	Spittal
* Robert Scobie	Robert Shiel	Tweedmouth

PRESBYTERY OF BIRMINGHAM.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. A. L. Henderson	Mr. James Byers	Birmingham, Broad Street
John McKeown, M.A.	William S. Evans	„ Camp Hill
David Buchanan	* James Menzies	„ New John St.
John Robertson	* John Craig	„ Smethwick
	James Eadie	Burton-on-Trent
W. G. Jordan, B.A.	George Boyd	Derby
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James W. Miller	Robert Jeffery	Hanley
Robert Cowan, B.A.	H. B. Livingston	Leicester
George Bennett	George R. Wells	Nottingham
D. Russell Cowan, <i>Clerk</i>	* Robert Philip	Shrewsbury
	* George Stonier	Stafford
William Johnston, B.A.	Samuel Forsyth	Walsall
John H. Scott	* Adam Weir	Wolverhampton
	Daniel Whitwell	Worcester

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<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
* Rev. John Foulkes	* Mr. John Davies	Aberdare
W. Millar Nicolson, M.A., D.Sc.	J. M. McCurrich, M.A., C.E.	Bristol
* J. Douglas Watters, M.A.	John Hendry	Cardiff
John More, <i>Clerk</i>	John Meikle	Cheltenham
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* Joseph Wood	S. Malcolm	Plymouth
W. E. Shaw	William Wallace	Swansea
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* Alexander H. Reid, M.A.		Torquay

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
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J. Montgomery Bonnar George Patterson J. Scott Cockburn	William Bruce John Edgar William H. Dean	<i>Great Salkeld</i> Haltwhistle Harrington Maryport Penrith <i>Penruddock</i> <i>Plumpton</i> Silloth Whitehaven, High Street „ Market Place Workington
John Brown, M.A. Alexander C. Kettle George Mackay Douglas McLellan	Dugald McCallum Johh Wear James Smart	

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<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. R. Balgarnie, D.D. William Murray, M.A. R. W. R. Rentoul, B.A. David Smith	Mr. John Armstrong Alex. McWilliams John Short * Charles Jeffs * John Rainforth Robert C. Black	Bishop Auckland Crook Darlington Grimsby Harrogate Hartlepool
Jas. Douglas, <i>Emeritus</i> } * James B. Whyte } Henry P. Slade, F.R.A.S. John G. Train Peter Duncan, M.A., B.D. George Strang, M.A.	Robert Thomson William Wylie * John Burton	Hull, Holderness Road „ Prospect Street „ Springbank Middlesborough, Newport Road Middlesborough, Trinity Mount Pleasant Redcar Scarborough Stockton, St. Andrew's „ St. George's Tow Law West Hartlepool Whitby York
James Peddie, B.A. Charles Friskin James Wallace, M.A.	George Hamilton John Heslop * Alexander Middleton	
John Bogue, M.A., <i>Clerk</i> Thomas Howell George Samuel, M.A. Thomas Campbell T. Logan Turnbull Alexander Stirling	John Chambers Robert Macpherson John Newby Robert Leith William Langley Thomas Darling	

PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
* Rev. A. Macdonald Halket, <i>Emeritus</i> William Ferguson James Muir, D.D. James Towers } William Hutton } * James Fraser, M.A.	* Mr. C. R. B. McGilchrist J. M. Galloway George Young	Barrow-in-Furness Birkenhead, Egremont „ Grange Road „ Hamilton

PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL—*continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
* Rev. David Henderson	Mr. Thomas Matheson	Birkenhead, Rockferry
* Alex. M. Symington, D.D.	James A. Forrest	„ St. Andrew's
T. W. Macpherson, M.A.	Joanthan Langman	„ St. Paul's
* Alexander MacLeod, D.D.	* Samuel Stitt	„ Trinity,
		„ Cloughton
P. M. Kirkland	Dr. J. Johnstone Weir	„ West Kirby
James H. Collie, M.A.	Mr. John Lyon	Bootle, Peel Road
James Bodel, M.A.	John Boyd	„ Trinity
* Geo. Lewis, <i>Emeritus</i> }	A. Armour	Chester, Chester
John Mitchell, B.D. }	J. G. Thomson	„ Parkgate
John Towert, M.A., B.D.	* William H. Dixon	„ Sutton
* Jas. Fettes, <i>Emeritus</i> }	Captain McQueen	Isle of Man, Douglas
Joseph Forrest, M.A. }	Mr. John Swanson	„ Ramsey
W. A. Cathcart	James N. Work	Liverpool, Canning Street
Simeon R. Macphail, M.A.	Robert May	„ Everton Valley
Thos. Macpherson, M.A.	* Archibald Ferguson	„ Fairfield
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W. Moore White, LL.D.	Gideon Currie	„ Mount Pleasant
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Archibald Gardner	George C. Miller	„ Queen's Road
Robert Duff, M.A.	James McCormick	„ St. George's
James Barles	* Joseph Wilson	„ St. Peter's
* John Watson, M.A.	George Bell, jun.	„ Sefton Park
Walter Macfarlane, B.Sc.	Andrew Park	„ Shaw Street
George Johnstone, M.A., B.D., <i>Clerk</i>		„ Trinity
A. Bannerman Barkway	Thomas Bell	„ Union
* James Macandrew	* Charles Dicks	„ Vauxhall Road
James McMurphy, B.D.	* W. J. Ferrier	„ Walton
* John J. Muir, F.L.S.	James Innes	„ Waterloo
James Brown	James Hamilton	St. Helens
James Mellis, M.A.	David C. Anderson	Southport

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William Chalmers, D.D., Principal and Pro- fessor of Theology		
John Gibb, D.D., Pro- fessor of New Testa- ment Exegesis and Biblical Criticism		
W. Gray Elmslie, D.D., Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis		
Theodore J. Meyer, Mis- sionary to Jews in London		
John Black, Gen. Sec.		

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—*continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Ellis Hewitt	Mr. S. W. Dominey	<i>Alderney</i>
David Eades	John Bell	Aldeishot
John W. Rodger	* J. Monteith Douglas	Aston Tyrrold
* Hugh Shearer	Allan Mackay	Bournemouth
Alexander Hamilton,	* Alfred Habens	Brighton, Queen's Road
D.D.	"	Trinity
John Patterson	* Walter Pope	<i>Cambridge</i>
S. D. Scammell	R. T. Turnbull	Canterbury
H. Carruthers Wilson,	Shirley Brooks	Chatham
M.A.	George Brown	Darenth
Henry Millican	John Thorburn	Eastbourne
C. Campbell Brown	Patrick Neill	Edenbridge
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<i>Synod Clerk</i>	* Mr. James Buchanan	Guernsey
James Ferguson	Thomas E. Quirk	<i>Highfields</i>
* Adolph Saphir, D.D.	* Wm. Carruthers, F.R.S.	Holybourne
* Thomas Curry	G. W. C. Shield	Ipswich
J. H. Thomson, M.A., B.D.	Edward Toccock	Jersey
W. Michael Smith	Robert Young	Lewes
Hugh McIntosh, M.A.	Robert Wales	London, Belgrave
Robert E. Welsh, M.A.	William Blight	" Bermondsey
J. Reid Howatt	* John Hume	" Blackheath
* R. M. Thornton, B.A.	H. Grieve Picken	" Bow
David MacEwan, D.D.	John Duncan	" Brockley
* Matthew Davison	James Goodman	" Brondesbury
* D. Martin McIntyre	* H. W. Elliott	" Camberwell
* J. B. Meharry, B.A.	J. Muir Leitch	" Camden Road
* Archd. N. Mackray, M.A.	John S. Balfour	" Canonbury
Gavin Carlyle, M.A.	Rev. John Kelly	" Clapham Road
J. R. Patterson	Charles Anderson	" Clapton
* William H. Edmonds	* Mr. Robert Lorimer	" College Park
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Henry Miller	Dr. Robert Pringle	" Ealing
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Charles Moinet, M.A.	James Robertson	" Greenwich
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Thomas Anderson	* John A. Swanston	" Hampstead
Donald Fraser, D.D.	H. M. Matheson	" Highbury
	John Y. Henderson	" Highgate
	Arthur M. Fraser	" Islington
		" Kensington
		" Kentish Town
		" Kingston and Surbiton
		" Marylebone
		" Millwall

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<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William Dale	Mr. T. W. Thacker	London, New Barnet
* Hugh S. Paterson, M.D.	John Macfarlane	" Notting Hill
Duncan Sillars	James U. Turner	" Oxenden
* Donald Matheson, M.A.		" Putney
J. Oswald Dykes, D.D.	Thomas Bell	" Regent Square
John Mauchlen	* James A. Watson	" Richmond
J. Monro Gibson, D.D.	Wm. R. Galbraith	" St. John's Wood
Francis Slade	* James P. Muir	" Silvertown
J. B. Woffendale	Benjamin J. Lewis	" Somers Town
Alexander Jeffrey	William Cummings	" South Hackney
* Verner M. White, LL.D.	W. T. Wilson	" South Kensington
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James Mackintosh, M.A.	Mr. John Brown	" Stepney
A. Crichton Alexander	Robert Stark	" Stoke Newington
	Robert Whyte	" Stratford
Wm. M. Macphail, M.A.	* Gainsford Bruce, Q.C.	" Streatham
* William Anderson, D.D.		" Tooting
David Fotheringham	A. Taylor	" Tottenham
Robert Taylor	Rev. Dr. William Wright	" Upper Norwood
		" <i>Verulam</i>
William Harris	Mr. John Leggat	" Victoria Docks
* James Stuart, M.A.	* William Stuart	" Wallington
Jas. Cunningham, M.A.	J. G. Smieton, M.A.	" Wandsworth
Walter Morison, D.D.	* Henry Robson	" Westbourne Grove
* W. Burton Alexander		" Whitefield, Drury
		" Lane
* James Durran, M.A.	S. L. Worth	" Willesden
* W. J. Maxwell, M.A.	John Macfarlane	" Wimbledon
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* Alex. F. A. Moir		Rangoon
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* John Johnstone		" Totton
Charles D. Kay, M.A.	John Johnstone	" Woolston

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
* Rev. Arthur M'Arthur	* Mr. Thomas P. Lourie	Blackburn, Mount St.
* A. B. Grosart, D.D., LL.D.	William W. Burgess	" St. George's
T. Boston Johnstone	Peter McKelvie	Bolton
Robert S. Coffey	* Henry Gaskarth	Bradford
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W. Edmund Crothers	William B. Simpson	Leeds, Cavendish Road
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	Alexander Forrest	Manchester, Ancoats
R. T. Cunningham, M.A.	Thomas Hamilton	" Bowdon

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER—*continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. W. Rigby Murray	Mr. Thomas Hall	Manchester, Brunswick St
Wm. D. Fairbairn, M.A.	Robert Coutts	" Eccles
James Brown	John Hyslop	" Grosvenor Sq.
William Young, B.A.	Louis M. Hayes	" Higher Broughton
Robert H. Lyall, M.A.	Robert Macgregor	" Longsight
John Robertson, M.A.	* John Muir	" Pendleton
* James Lees	Peter Galloway	" St. Andrew's
J. Thoburn McGaw, M.A.	Adam Hogg	" Sale
John Reid, M.A.	Gavin Anderson	" Salford
John Huey, M.A., B.D.	William Carter	" Trinity
John Selater	George Williamson	" Whalley Range
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* Samuel Macnaughton, M.A.	James Purves	Preston
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William Dunn	John Johnstone	Risley
* William Tees		Rochdale
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Jas. Warnock, M.A., B.D.	* James Paterson	Warrington
Jno. Gordon, M.A., <i>Clerk</i>	Silas Clarke	Wharton
Enoch Franks	William Anderson	Wigan

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William W. Ney	Mr. William Harding	Billingham
Alexander Baillie	David Imrie	Blackhill
	Charles R. Bell	Blyth, Bridge Street
Peter Peace, M.A.	William Morrison	" Waterloo Road
W. B. Cooper, M.A.	William Wilson	Durham
M. Gardiner Campbell, M.A.	* Fergus Robson	Falstone
John L. Hunter	Alexander Purves	Forest Hall
Robert Stewart, M.A.	Adam Beattie	Gateshead, Durham Road
James A. Watt	John Ross	" Ellison Street
W. MacLean Brown	William T. Davison	Gosforth
Alexander Lobban	William Colbert	Hebburn
John M. Wilson	Thomas P. Dods	Hexham
James Milligan, D.D.	John Batey	Houghton-le-Spring
John C. Weir	John Hyslop	Jarrow, Ellison Street
Alexander Matheson, M.A.	William E. Gibbon	" St. Kilda's
George Bell	James Findlay	Newcastle, Barras Bridge
Jno. B. Hastings, M.A. }	William White	" Blackett Street
Richard Leitch	David Lumsden	" Erskine
* Robert Brown	William Jobson	" Heaton
James Carswell, M.A.	William Laws	" <i>Jesmond</i>
Alex. Phimister, M.A.	Mark Easton	" John Knox
James G. Potter	Alex. H. McBryde	" St. George's
	John Mitchell	" Trinity
* John Thompson, M.A.		" Westmorland Road
David Tasker	William Harrison	" <i>Worley Street</i>
William T. Bankhead, M.A., B.D.	James Wait	North Shields, Howard St.
* John King, M.A.	James Whyte	" Northumberland Square
Thomas Robinson	James Renton	Seaham Harbour
John Brown	* Robert Anderson, M.D.	Seaton Burn
		Seaton Delaval

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE—*continued.*

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. Sylvester M. McClelland	Mr. James C. Stevenson, M.P.	South Shields, Laygate
William Steele, M.A.	Alexander Jeffrey	" Mile End Rd.
James Mackenzie, <i>Clerk</i>	D. McNeill	" St. John's
* J. G. Walton, M.A., B.D.	Andrew Whitelaw	" St. Paul's
David Merson, M.A., B.D.	John Renton, jun.	Stamfordham
* Daniel Patterson, M.A.	Robert J. Gibson	Sunderland, Millfield
J. T. Middlemiss	William Eggleston	" N. Bridge St.
J. L. Rentoul, M.A.	David Dudgeon	" St. George's
William Dryburgh,	Thomas G. Green	" St. Stephen's
M.A., B.D.		
John Parker, <i>Emeritus</i> }	William Cleugh	" Smyrna
John W. Ellison, M.A. }	George N. Arnison	" Trinity
James S. Rae	Joshua Davidson	Swalwell
Gustavus J. Goodman	H. Fraser Hurst, M.D.	Walker
Wm. Stuart, M.A., B.D.	* James Tocher	Wallsend
Forrest F. Young, M.A.	James Robson	Wark
James Craig	George A. Allen	Willington Quay

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
Rev. William Limont	Mr. John Easton	Alnwick, Clayport Street
David Donaldson	H. Candlish, M.D.	" St. James's
Robert Macnair	John Bolam	Bavington
Alexander Forsyth	Henry T. Thompson	Bedlington
R. J. Adamson, M.A.	John Girling	Birdhopecraig
Thomas Newlands	John Potts	Branton
James Blythe, M.A.	William Lyall	Embleton
William S. Spence	W. S. Wilkinson	Felton
James Lemon	Robert Amos	Glanton
* Robert H. Davidson	James Dryden	Harbottle
John Scott	John Nicholson	Long Framlington
* William R. Barrie	James M. Dixon	Morpeth
A. H. Drysdale, M.A.	Thomas Latimer	Newbiggin
J. W. Black	* Thomas Hall	North Middleton
Allan Wilson	James Brown	North Sunderland
George Henderson	James Ewing	Otterburn
Robert P. Douglas	William Thompson	Thropton
William Addison	Luke Scott	Warenford
Wm. Rogerson, <i>Clerk</i>	Samuel Heatley	Warkworth
Matthew Edwards, M.A.	John Lillie	Widdrington
James L. Muirhead	John Deas	Wooler, Cheviot Street
Alexander McClellan }		
James McLeish	* James Gibson	" Tower Hill
* James A. Huie, <i>Eme-</i>	Robert Morton	" West Chapel
<i>ritus</i>		

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS FROM THE UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

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* Robert Jeffrey, M.D.	* Robert S. Wilson, <i>Ministers</i>
Archibald Alison	* Mr. William Dunbar
William Young, M.A.	* Peter Esslemont, M.P.
John Robson, D.D.	* Robert Miller
Robert Lyon	Edward Wilson, <i>Elders</i>

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS FROM THE WELSH CALVINISTIC METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. W. Dickens Lewis, D.D.

* John Thomas, B.A., *Ministers*

Mr. William Evans

* John Jones, *Elhers*

Note A.—The Places in *italics* in the preceding Roll are Preaching Stations.

Note B.—Members whose names have an asterisk (*) prefixed, not having given in Attendance Cards, there is no record of their having been present at the Synod.

The Clerk reported that he had received 271 Elders' Commissions, and that they are all in regular form. Elders' Commissions.

The Synod receive the Report, and agree that all the Commissions be sustained.

The Rev. William S. Swanson reported, in behalf of the Board of Nomination, that the Board met in the month of November, and that with the utmost cordiality they nominated the Rev. J. Oswald Dykes, D.D., Minister of Regent Square Church, London, as the Moderator of this Synod. Moderator appointed.

The Synod heartily accepted and confirmed the nomination, and Dr. Dykes, by desire of the House, took the Chair, and delivered a suitable address.

The Standing Orders of last Synod were adopted, and were held as read. Standing Orders.

The Synod called for the Report of the Ministerial Changes that have taken place during the past Synodical year, which Report was given in by the Clerk. Ministerial Changes.

The Synod receive the Report, and order that it be preserved along with the other Reports accepted by the House.

Attention was called to the serious loss the Synod has sustained by the decease, as indicated in that Report, of the Rev. Professor Graham, the Rev. William Fraser, the Rev. Dr. Howat, and other esteemed brethren in the Ministry of the Church; and a Committee was appointed to prepare a suitable minute with reference thereto, to be entered on the Synod's Records—the Committee to be nominated by the Selection Committee, and to report to a future Sederunt.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Rev. W. S. Swanson for his conduct in the Chair at the last meeting, and for the Sermon this evening delivered. Thanks.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Bills and Business, which Committee was appointed by the last Synod, as follows :— Bills and Business.

Ministers—Revs. Dr. Dykes, John Bogue, Charles Friskin, James Mackenzie, John Thomson, Robert H. Lundie, William Hutton, J. Howie Boyd, William Rogerson, James Lees, John Reid, sen. *Elders*—Messrs. George B. Bruce, H. M. Matheson, George Duncan, Robert Wales, George Bell, jun., R. T. Turnbull, James Halliday, Alexander Taylor, and G. A. Main. With twenty-two Presbytery Representatives, and with the General Secretary, and the Clerk of Synod. Convener—Rev. Dr. Fraser.

NOTE.—The Representatives appointed by Presbyteries are—

Ministers—Revs. A. F. Douglas, D. Russell Cowan, Dr. Nicolson, J. Scott Cockburn, Dr. Baggart, William Murray, Robert Duff, James Brown, Richard Leitch, J. B. Hastings, Robert Macnair, John Gordon, W. Hume Elliot, Dr. Edmond, J. R. Howatt, David Fotheringham. *Elders*—Messrs. A. H. McBryde, Luke Scott, John Bell, Matthew Little, and James Goodman.

The Report was submitted by Dr. Fraser, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve that the Business, so far as arranged, be taken up in the order suggested.

The Synod appointed the following Committees :—

I. Committee on Commissions and Records.

Ministers—Revs. Robert Cowan, J. Douglas Watters, George Mackay, Peter Duncan, George Lewis, Dr. Symington, James Bodel, Thomas Macpherson, John Watson, Dr. Hamilton, William Martin, Peter Carmichael, Mr. Macleod, Dr. Rentoul, Robert S. Coffey, John Reid, jun., Benjamin Bell, Enoch Franks, John B. Meharry, William Limont, John M. Mackenzie, J. T. McGaw, and William Dale. *Elders*—Messrs. James Menzies, George E. Sloper, William Wallace, Robert C. Black, Gideon Currie, John Bell, J. Monteith Douglas, John Hume, Patrick Neill, Rev. John Kelly, Rev. Charles Anderson, Thomas E. Quirk, Mr. James N. Work, William Miller, Dr. J. Johnstone Weir, Thomas P. Dods, Robert Amos, H. Candlish, M.D. Convener—Rev. J. T. McGaw. Clerk—Rev. William Dale.

II. Selection Committee.

Nominated by Presbyteries.—*Ministers*—Revs. W. Ainslie Walton, John Robertson (Burton), G. M. Smith, Walter C. Blount, William Hutton, William Rogerson, Robert Stewart, John G. Train, William Young. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Bell.

Committees
appointed.

Conveners of Standing Committees.—*Ministers*—The Rev. the Moderator, Revs. Dr. Fraser, Dr. MacEwan, Dr. Edmond, Robert H. Lundie, Dr. Muir, James Christie, Dr. McCaw. *Elders*—Messrs. George B. Bruce, Hugh M. Matheson, Robert Wales, Dr. Levi, T. W. Thacker, George Duncan. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. Muir. *Clerk*—Mr. Thomas Bell.

The Synod took up Applications—From the Presbytery of Birmingham, in favour of the Rev. W. Wilkinson to the effect that he be admitted to the College as a second-year Student; from the Presbytery of Darlington, in favour of Mr. J. W. Pearson, Student, to the effect that the Synod treat his case as exceptional, and grant him exemption from the full curriculum; from the Presbytery of London, in favour of the Rev. Samuel Hester, to the effect that he be admitted into the Ministry of this Church; from the Presbytery of Newcastle, in favour of Mr. Andrew W. McDougall, B.D., Probationer of the United Presbyterian Church, to the effect that his name be placed on Roll A of the Synod's Licentiates; from the Presbytery of Birmingham, in favour of the Rev. Dr. Simpson and the Rev. John Crowe, to the effect that they be recognised as Ministers *Emeriti* of this Church; from the Presbytery of Carlisle, in favour of the Rev. John S. Craig, to the effect that he be recognised as a Minister *Emeritus* of this Church; and from the Presbytery of Manchester, in favour of the Rev. George Mole, to the effect that his name be placed on Roll A of Licentiates.

Applications
from
Persons.

The Synod receive these Applications, and remit them to a Committee to be nominated by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider them and report.

The Synod took up References from the Presbytery of Carlisle—1st, regarding Haltwhistle, as to whether it shall be retained as a sanctioned Charge or reduced to a Preaching Station; 2nd, regarding Brampton, as to certain Congregational difficulties there; and also a Reference from the Presbytery of Manchester, regarding difficulties connected with the Congregation at Eccles; an Application from the Presbytery of Newcastle, regarding the Preaching Station at Worley Street, to the effect that it be raised to the status of a sanctioned Charge when the Presbytery shall see fit; an Application from the Presbytery of London, in behalf of the Congregation at Brondesbury, to the effect that the Southern District Board be authorised to make it a grant in aid of Church Building; and from the same Presbytery, an Application in behalf of the Session of St. John's Wood, regarding their Congregational Mission at Kilburn, to the effect that steps be authorised toward

References,
Applications,
and Places.

the ordination there of Mr. J. Finlayson Darroch, a Licentiate of this Church.

The Synod receive these References and Applications, and remit them to a Committee, to be named by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider them and to report.

Warenford
Case.

The Synod took up the case of—

1st. An Appeal by the Rev. William Addison against a judgment of the Presbytery of Northumberland of date Nov. 1st, 1887.

2nd. A Complaint by the Rev. Robert Macnair, Mr. Robert Amos, and others, against a judgment of said Presbytery bearing date November 15, 1887.

3rd. Memorial from certain members and adherents of the Congregation of Warenford bearing on the case.

4th. Relative Complaint and Memorial, and other papers addressed to the Presbytery.

The Synod remit this Case to a Special Committee, to be nominated by the Selection Committee, with instructions—while reserving the rights of all the parties concerned—to consider the case and report.

Ancoats
Case

The Synod took up the Case of—

1st. An Appeal by certain Office-bearers of the Congregation of Ancoats, against a judgment of the Presbytery of Manchester of date January 9, 1888.

2nd. An Appeal by Mr. Edward J. Gilchrist against a judgment of said Presbytery of date March 27, 1888, authorising the insertion of the name of the Rev. Walter Duncan in the Call of the Ancoats Congregation.

3rd. An Appeal of said Parties against a judgment of said Presbytery of date April 16, 1888, sustaining said Call.

The Synod remit this Case to a Special Committee, to be named by the Selection Committee, with instructions—while reserving the rights of all parties concerned—that they consider it and report.

Manchester
Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Manchester craved, and the Synod granted leave, for the Presbytery to meet for special business to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and thereafter for ordinary business; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and within Tuesday,
Westmorland Road Church, on May 1st.
Tuesday, the 1st day of May,
1888, at Ten o'clock a.m.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was con- Constituted.
stituted with devotional exercises.

The Synod proceeded to the observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Lord's Supper.
Supper, the Moderator conducting the service, assisted by the Rev. Robert
Cowan, Rev. Richard Leitch, Rev. Dr. Robson, and Rev. Benjamin
Bell.

The solemn service being concluded, the Synod proceeded with its
ordinary business.

The Minutes of last evening's Sederunt were laid on the table, were Minutes sus-
held as read, and were sustained. tained.

The Synod proceeded to receive the Corresponding Members from Corresponding
the United Presbyterian Synod, and from the General Assembly of the Members.
Calvinistic Methodist Church in Wales.

A Commission was read in favour of the following brethren as Corre-
sponding Members from the United Presbyterian Church, namely:—
The Rev. the Moderator of Synod (Mr. John B. Smith); Revs. Robert
T. Jeffrey, M.D.; Archibald Alison; William Young, M.A.; John
Robson, D.D.; Robert Lyon; William Muirhead, M.A.; and Robert S.
Wilson—*Ministers*: with Messrs. William Dunbar; Peter Esslemont,
M.P.; Robert Miller; and Edward Wilson—*Elders*.

There was read also a Commission in favour of the Revs. W. Dickens
Lewis, D.D., Shrewsbury; and John Thomas, B.A., Liverpool—*Ministers*:
and Messrs. William Evans, Chester; and Mr. John Jones, Merthyr
Tydvil—*Elders*: as Corresponding Members from the Welsh Calvinistic
Methodist Church.

Those of the brethren who were present were addressed and cordially
welcomed by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Robson and the Rev. Dr.
Lewis suitably responding.

Selection
Committee.

The Selection Committee submitted, through its Clerk, Mr. Thomas Bell, an interim Report, which the Synod accepted; and in terms thereof appointed the following Committees:—

1. On Memorial Minute: Revs. Dr. MacEwan, Robert Taylor, Robert H. Lundie, James Christie, and James Warnock; with Messrs. Hugh M. Matheson, and Mr. James C. Stevenson, M.P. Rev. Dr. MacEwan, Convener.

2. On Applications from Persons: Revs. W. Ainslie Walton, Dr. Nicolson, James Blythe, Simeon R. Macphail, Charles Moinet, and Peter Carmichael; with Messrs. Thomas Matheson, Charles R. Bell, John Muir, and Thomas Carruthers. Rev. W. Ainslie Walton, Convener.

3. Applications from Places: Revs. Robert Cowan, G. M. Smith, George Strang, James Mellis, Thomas Macpherson, sen., Gavin Carlyle, W. M. Macphail, A. H. Drysdale, James MacKenzie; with Messrs. W. S. Wilkinson, Samuel Heatley, Thomas P. Dods, James Goodman, A. Armour, Thomas Hall, T. W. Thacker. Rev. Robert Cowan, Convener.

4. On the Warenford Case: Revs. William Hutton, J. T. McGaw, George Johnstone, James Brown (St. Helen's), John Bogue, David Fotheringham, J. Howie Boyd; with Messrs. Robert Wales, Thomas Bell (Liverpool), G. W. C. Shield, Matthew Little, Robert Thomson, W. R. Galbraith, George Williamson. Rev. William Hutton, Convener.

5. On the Ancoats Case: Revs. R. H. Lundie, W. S. Swanson, Dr. Fraser, J. B. Hastings, David Tasker, Alex. Forsyth, J. G. Train, William Martin, Charles Moinet; with Messrs. A. M. Fraser, G. B. Bruce, Robert Whyte, Joseph Wilson (Liverpool), J. C. Stevenson, John Deas, James M. Dickson. Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener.

General
Purposes.

The General Purposes Committee submitted by the Rev. R. H. Lundie—in the absence through illness of Mr. George Duncan, Convener—that portion of its Report which bears on the attendance of members on Committees appointed to do work during the sittings of the Synod.

Standing
Order.

It was moved and seconded, in terms of said Report—That the following new Standing Order be adopted, to stand between the present Standing Orders 5 and 6, viz.: That immediately on the appointment of any Committee to do work during the sittings of Synod, a notice shall be issued to every member of such Committee by post apprising him of his appointment to sit on the same; and that announcements of meet-

ings of such Committees shall be made in Court ordinarily at 7 p.m. on the evening of the day preceding, and also posted up in the porch immediately after their announcement in Court.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment, that the Order be as follows, viz.: That on the appointment of any Committee to do work during the sittings of Synod, a notice containing the names of the members shall be posted up in the porch immediately after their first announcement in Synod.

The Synod proceeded to the Vote, and took it by a snow of hands, when it was found that the Amendment was carried by a majority: wherefore the Synod resolved in terms of the Amendment.

The Synod called for the Report of the Synod Deputies appointed at last meeting to visit the Northern Section of the Congregations in the London Presbytery; which Report was submitted by the Rev. J. T. McGaw and Mr. Thomas Matheson, two of the Deputies. Report of
Synod
Deputies.

The Synod receive the Report, and tender thanks to all the Deputies who have engaged in the Service.

The Synod resolved itself into a Conference on the State of Religion throughout the bounds of the Church. Conference.

The Conference was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Gibson, Rev. J. T. McGaw, Dr. Muir, Mr. Thomas Matheson, Rev. John Selater, Mr. John Brown, Rev. W. M. Smith, Rev. J. B. Woffendale, Rev. Simeon R. Macphail, and Rev. Alex. Jeffrey.

After continuing in Conference for an hour, the Synod resumed in Court. Synod
resumes.

The Synod resolved that the congregations to be visited during the ensuing year be those in the Presbytery of Northumberland, and appointed as their Deputies the Revs. Dr. Muir, John Selater, and David Fotheringham; with Mr. John Hume, Dr. Gauld, and Mr. James A. Watson. Deputies for
current year.

Those of the brethren who were present in the House appeared on the platform, were addressed by the Moderator, and were commended to their Mission by prayer—the devotions of the Synod being led by the Rev. Simeon R. Macphail.

The Home Mission Report was given in by the Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. George B. Bruce, Convener. Home Mission
Report.

On his motion—The Synod receive the Report of the Home Mission, and commend the state of the Funds, and especially the Church Build-

ing and Debt Extinction Fund, to the consideration and liberality of the Church ;

Enjoin those Ministers and Congregations that have not yet returned answers to the queries sent to them in reference to 'Methods of Home Mission Work,' to do so not later than the end of May ; and agree that this matter be left in the hands of this Committee for another year, with the former instructions.

Jewish
Mission.

The Synod called for the Report of the Jewish Mission Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

On his motion—The Synod observe with satisfaction that during the past year the work in London has been steadily and faithfully prosecuted, not without fruits, though no baptisms by the Missionary himself have been recorded ; rejoice to find continued favourable report of the steadfastness of former converts, and notice with special interest the cases mentioned, which show 'bread cast on the waters' found 'after many days.' The Synod further acknowledge, with much thankfulness to God, the favourable openings vouchsafed to their Agent in Morocco as a Medical Missionary, and the regard and confidence he has been enabled to win in the general community, as a happy preparation for the more direct evangelistic efforts he is now beginning hopefully to employ. The Synod commend the Mission in both its branches to the earnest prayers of the Church, and in prospect of enlarging claims to increased hearty support.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at six o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

Tuesday,
May 1st.

*At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and within
Westmorland Road Church, on
Tuesday, the 1st day of May, 1888,
at Six o'clock p.m.*

Constituted,

The Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London on Overture. the division of said Presbytery.

The Overture having been read was supported by the Rev. Dr. Fraser and the Rev. Dr. MacEwan.

There was also laid on the table and read an extract minute from the records of the London Presbytery, bearing on the arrangements to be adopted in the proposed division of the Presbytery. The minute is as follows :—

The College Hall, Queen Square House, London, the tenth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight Years.

At which time and place the Presbytery of London met, and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener, presented the Report of the Committee on matters relative to the proposed division of the Presbytery.

Resolved—That the several sections of the Report be considered seriatim.

SECTION I.—‘That the records and documents of the Presbytery of London hitherto subsisting shall be the joint property of the two Presbyteries now to be formed ; and that any gifts or bequests made to the Presbytery of London prior to the division shall belong to the two Presbyteries in equal portions.’

Resolved—That said Section be agreed to.

SECTION II.—‘That the names of the two divisions be Presbytery of London (North), and Presbytery of London (South).’

Resolved—That said Section be agreed to.

SECTION III.—‘That the first meetings of the respective Presbyteries be as follows :—

Presbytery of London (North), in the College Hall, on
of .

Presbytery of London (South), in the Hall of Trinity
Church, Clapham Road, on of .’

[The dates to be fixed by the Synod.]

Resolved—That the said Section be agreed to.

SECTION IV.—‘That the present Clerk be continued as clerk of both Presbyteries—each Presbytery contributing a moiety of the present salary.’

After deliberation, it was moved by Mr. Turnbull, seconded by the Rev. J. H. Thomson, and resolved as follows:—

That it be a recommendation that Mr. Ballantyne be appointed Clerk of the North Presbytery at a salary of 75*l.*, and that he be appointed Joint and Advisory Clerk to the South Presbytery at 25*l.* per annum.

SECTION V.—‘That the appointment of Treasurer be left to each Presbytery at its first meeting; and that the amount due to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund, and any other liabilities, be divided fairly between the two Presbyteries.’

Resolved—That said Section be agreed to.

SECTION VI.—‘That, in regard to the work of Evangelisation, each Presbytery appoint its own Committee; that these Committees shall meet and act as one Committee, each of them, however, retaining its right to meet and act independently; and that the present organising agent shall be the agent of both.’

Resolved—That said Section be agreed to.

SECTION VII.—‘That it be recognised as desirable that, from time to time, joint conferences be held on matters calling for common action.’

Resolved—That said Section be agreed to.

On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Fraser it was resolved that an extract minute of the proceedings on the aforesaid Report be transmitted to the Synod appointed to meet at Newcastle on April 30 for information.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,

Presbytery Clerk.

the Presbytery of London into two Presbyteries, to be called severally the Presbytery of London (North), the Presbytery of London (South). Appoint that the dividing line shall be the river Thames; but, from considerations of convenience, attach the Congregations at Reading and Aston Tyrrold, as also those at Singapore and Rangoon, to the Northern Presbytery. Place the Professors in the Theological College, the General Secretary of the Church, and the Missionary to the Jews in London on the Roll of the Northern Presbytery. Direct that the past records of the Presbytery of London be closed at the rising of the Synod and preserved in the College, where, as the joint property of the two Presbyteries, they shall be accessible to both Presbyteries. Approve of the arrangements stated in the Minute of the Presbytery of London, under date April 10, 1888, that any gifts or bequests made to the Presbytery of London prior to the division shall belong to the two Presbyteries in equal portions; also, of the arrangements regarding Committees on Evangelisation, and regarding Conferences on matters calling for common action; and, finally, appoint the Presbytery of London (North) to hold its first meeting within the College Hall, Queen Square House, on Tuesday, May 8, 1888, at 5 p.m., the Rev. Verner M. White, LL.D., or the Senior Minister reckoned by ordination, who may be present, to preside as Moderator; and the Presbytery of London (South) to hold its first meeting within the Hall of Trinity Church, Clapham Road, on May 9, 1888, at 5 p.m., the Rev. Wm. McCaw, D.D., or the Senior Minister reckoned by ordination, who may be present, to preside as Moderator.

The Synod called for the Report of the Foreign Missions Committee, ^{Foreign} ~~Missions~~, which was submitted by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

On his motion—The Synod receive the Report and rejoice in the steady progress of the Mission in China, observing with satisfaction how much its extension is due, under God, to the self-denying zeal of the native Church.

The Synod are thankful to learn that the accounts of the year have been closed without a deficit; and while heartily acknowledging the liberality which the Congregations of the Church have so manifestly shown, they rejoice to know that the restoration of an equilibrium in the finance is also due to the fact that responsibilities formerly

assumed by the Committee are now to a marked extent undertaken by the native Church.

The appointment of the Rev. Alex. Gregory, late of Wooler, to Amoy, to fill the place long since vacated by the Rev. Robert Gordon, and the subsequent appointment of Mr. M'Lagan to Swatow, may for a time cause some increase of outlay. But the Synod recognise that the success and extension in the mission-fields, for which the Church has been longing and praying, is well fitted to stimulate our people to make increased sacrifices in following up the work so graciously blessed by God. The Synod are grateful to the Rev. Robert W. Barbour of Bonskeid, at whose sole expense an additional Missionary is provided, Dr. Gavin Russell having been appointed as a medical Missionary to Formosa, and they rejoice that he has thus early given proof of his attachment to the cause so ardently upheld by his lamented father.

The Synod hear with pleasure that Dr. Morison, in much-improved health, maintains the India Mission at Rampore Bauleah in full efficiency, and that the work, especially among the women, is receiving tokens of blessing from on high.

The Synod regard with much satisfaction the spirited efforts of the Woman's Missionary Association in increasing the number of their agents both in China and in India, and they heartily welcome their valued co-operation. They repeat their earnest recommendation to all the congregations of the Church to form branches of this excellent Association, and so become sharers in the certain reflex blessing.

Further, the Synod urge upon all their people to cultivate a prayerful spirit on behalf of this whole work, and to take advantage of all opportunities of acquiring and spreading a knowledge of what God is doing through its instrumentality among the heathen.

Finally, the Synod, in view of the approaching Meeting of the General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, adopt unanimously the series of resolutions passed by the Conference held at Edinburgh on October 6, 1886, on Co-operation in Foreign Missions. The resolutions are as follow:—

1. It is in the highest degree desirable that Mission Churches should be encouraged to become independent of the home Churches—*i.e.* self-supporting and self-governing—self-government naturally following upon self-support.

2. It is desirable that Churches organised under Presbyterian order,

and holding the Reformed faith, should be placed under a Presbytery within territorial boundaries suitable for effective government; and that such Presbytery, wherever constituted, should, as far as practicable, include all the Presbyterian Churches within the bounds, by whatever branches of the European or American Churches originated.

3. In the incipient stages of the native Church it is most desirable that the foreign Missionaries should be associated with the Presbytery, either as advisers only, or as assessor members with votes.

4. It is undesirable that Presbyteries of native Churches should be represented in Supreme Courts at home, the development and full organisation of independent native Churches being what is to be aimed at, whether these are founded by a single foreign Church or by two or more such Churches.

The Synod granted leave to the Committee on the Warenford Case to meet this evening during the sitting of the House.

The Synod resolved itself into its Annual Missionary Meeting, the Moderator occupying the chair. Missionary Meeting.

The Meeting was opened with praise and prayer, the devotions of the assembly being led by the Rev. Thomas Macpherson, sen.

The Meeting was addressed by the Rev. Theodore J. Meyer, on the trials and successes of Mission work among Jews in London.

Mr. Robert Whyte addressed the assembly on Mission work among the masses of the people at home.

The Rev. George Smith, the Senior Missionary from Swatow, spoke on Christian work in Swatow, the Hakka Country, and Singapore.

There were introduced to the Meeting Dr. Gavin Russell and Mr. Patrick J. McLagan, who are about, in the autumn, to proceed to Mission work in China. The two young brethren were heartily welcomed by the assembly, and received the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

The Rev. William Campbell, from Formosa, addressed the audience on the work in that island.

The Meeting was then addressed by the Rev. Dr. Robson, of Aberdeen, on the privilege and duty of earnest prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit on the Missionary work of the Church.

The addresses were interspersed with Services of Praise, and were listened to with deep interest by the members of the Synod, and by a large and appreciative auditory.

- Synod resumes.

The Missionary Meeting having come to an end, the Synod resumed in Court, and proceeded with its stated business.
- Status of Medical Missionaries.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Status of Medical and other non-Ministerial Missionaries, which was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener.
- Christian Giving.

The Synod receive the Report, and re-appoint the Committee with the same instructions as last year.

The Synod took up Overtures on Christian Giving from the Presbyteries of London, Liverpool, and Manchester.

One of the Overtures having been read, they were supported by Dr. McCaw and the Rev. Benjamin Bell.

The Synod receive the Overtures, and appoint a Special Committee to watch over the subject of systematic Christian Giving—the Committee to be nominated by the Selection Committee.
- Darlington Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Darlington asked, and the Synod granted, leave for the Presbytery to meet on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.
- Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

- Wednesday, May 2nd.

At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and within Westmorland Road Church, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of May, 1888, at Ten o'clock a.m.
- Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.
- Minutes sustained.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were laid on the table, were held as read, and were sustained.
- Leave granted.

Leave was granted to the Committee on Applications from Places to meet this afternoon at one o'clock.
- Collego.

The Synod called for the Report of the College Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee.

The Synod have heard with satisfaction of the good order, diligence, and harmony which have marked the College session just closed, and of the large number of promising students who entered the Junior Class in October last.

They gratefully recognise the important service rendered to the Institution by the Senatus in providing for the temporary conduct of the Church History Chair when the lamented Professor Graham was first laid aside by illness and subsequently removed by death, and they record their especial thanks to Principal Chalmers for the large share which he has borne in these additional labours.

The Synod adopt the recommendation of the Committee with regard to the filling up of the vacant chairs, and resolve at a subsequent stage of its business to make an appointment to the Barbour Chair.

They also adopt the 'Scheme of Curriculum on a Basis of Three Chairs' prepared by the Senatus, with the relative suggestion by the Committee as to Lectures on special subjects; and they instruct the Senatus to report to the Synod of 1889 the distribution which they make of the subjects in the curriculum not attached to the individual chairs.

The Synod appoint the following brethren to be members of the Board of Examination, viz.: the Rev. A. H. Drysdale, M.A., Minister in Morpeth, and the Rev. W. M. Macphail, M.A., Minister in Streatham.

The Synod are pleased to be assured that the Barbour Board, as constituted last year, is proving itself adapted to carry out the ends contemplated.

The Synod have heard with interest of the valuable gifts which have been made to the College Library, and they record their grateful sense of the generous kindness shown by the family of the lamented Rev. William Fraser, of Brighton, and by two retired Ministers of this Church—the Rev. Thomas Robinson, D.D., formerly of Newbiggin, and the Rev. George Waterman, M.A., formerly of Holybourne.

The Synod deeply regret to learn that there has been no increase in the amount of the annual contributions to the College Fund, and that the accumulated debt has reached the large sum of £1,318.

They approve of the suggestion of the Committee that an appeal

should be made during the present year to the liberality of the Church for a sum of £1,000 towards the removal of this deficit, and they very cordially commend this appeal to the warm and generous support of all friends of the Institution.

The Synod, finding that the time has again come round for the triennial visitation of the College, resolve in view of the changes in the teaching staff, and with regard to the curriculum of study, to postpone for the present the appointment of Visitors.

The Report of the College Trustees was given in by Mr. John Johnstone, Convener.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

The Synod called for the Report of the College Senatus, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Elmslie.

The Report was received and adopted.

There was laid on the table and read a letter from the Rev. Principal Chalmers, addressed to the Moderator, resigning his Theological Chair in the College.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously resolved as follows:—

The Synod receive with much regret and sympathy the notice of retirement from his position in the College which has been tendered by Principal Chalmers. They record their warm appreciation of the services which the learned Principal has rendered to the furtherance of the Gospel in England, and to the Presbyterian Church in particular, during the long period of more than forty years. They also remember the zeal and ability which he was wont to devote in the days of his strength to the public business of the Church.

While acquiescing in and sanctioning the retirement now proposed, the Synod appoint that the name of Dr. Chalmers shall remain on the roll of the Presbytery of London (North), as *Emeritus* Professor, and resolve to grant him a retiring pension as liberal as the College Fund will afford: and further express their earnest hope and prayer that he may richly enjoy the peace and love of God in the quiet vining of his life.

Principal Chalmers suitably and touchingly responded, and received an affectionate farewell from the Moderator and the Synod on his retirement from the position he has occupied so honourably and so long.

In pursuance of notice given, it was moved by Dr. Fraser, and

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agreed to as follows—That in view of the pecuniary condition of the College as reported, and the duty of providing an allowance for the retiring Principal, as well as for the new appointment which the Synod is called to make, a Special Committee be now appointed to consider the financial position of the Institution, and to advise this Synod on the whole subject: the Committee to consist of the Revs. Dr. Fraser, Dr. James Muir, J. B. Hastings, and Robert Taylor; with Messrs. Hugh M. Matheson, Robert Amos, James C. Stevenson, Thomas Carter, R. T. Turnbull, and George Williamson. Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Liverpool Site of College. on the Site of the College.

The Overture having been read was supported by the Rev. George Johnstone.

It was moved and seconded—The Synod receive the Overture, and refer it to a Committee, with instructions to consider the whole question, and report to next Synod.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment—The Synod decline to receive the Overture.

The Synod proceeded to the vote, the state thereof being Motion or Amendment, when it was found by a show of hands that the Motion was carried by a majority. The Synod accordingly resolved in terms of the Motion.

Leave was granted by the Synod to the Committees on the Warren- Cases.ford and Ancoats Cases to meet this evening during the sitting of the House.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Ministerial Ministerial Support. Support, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Joint Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

On his motion, the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee for its diligence, and resolve as follows:—

I.—ON SUSTENTATION FUND.

1. Recognise the care and economy with which the Fund is managed, and urge on Congregations of every degree the duty of giving to it a loyal and hearty support.

2. Authorise the Committee to admit two aid-receiving Congrega-

tions, if they feel warranted to do so by the progress of the Fund during the year.

3. Express satisfaction with the action taken by the Committee in encouraging the union of Congregations at Maryport and at Alnwick.

II.—AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

1. Authorise the raising of the maximum annuity to £50.

2. Grant to the Rev. D. S. Fergus an annuity of £45.

III.—MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

In view of the rapid increase of the annuitants on the Fund, recommend it to the continued support of Christian givers throughout the Church.

Publications.

The Report of the Publications Committee was submitted by Mr. T. W. Thacker, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

Motion.

It was moved and seconded—

The Synod receive the Report, and authorise the continuance of the business on the lines of the past year for another twelve months, and on the understanding that no liability beyond the one year—*re* rent, &c.—be incurred.

Amendment.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment—

The Synod receive the Report; confirm the instructions of last Synod as regards the publication of the 'Messenger,' provided it can be published without pecuniary loss to the Church; instruct the Committee to proceed with realisation of Assets, and further to effect a reduction in rent and salaries after termination of the existing tenancy at Midsummer, and confirm the decision of last Synod as regards the sale of publications in which the Church is directly interested.

Finding.

After consideration the mover and seconder of the Amendment, with consent of the House, withdrew the same, and the Motion became the decision of the Synod.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and within Wednesday,
Westmorland Road Church, on May 2nd.
Wednesday, the 2nd day of
May, 1888, at Six o'clock p.m.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was consti- Constituted.
 tuted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Temperance, Temperance.
 which was given in by Mr. Robert Wales, Convener.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report ; thank the Committee
 for their services during the past year ; rejoice in the increased attention
 given to this important matter throughout the Church, and in the
 increased activity of Presbyteries ; and reappoint the Committee, with
 instructions to continue to watch carefully over this most important
 subject, and specially to join with other Churches in protesting against
 the liquor traffic among native races.

The Report of the Committee on Intercourse with other Churches Intercourse
 was submitted by the Rev. Robert H. Lundie, Convener, who addressed with other
 the Synod on the subject. Churches.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report. They hear with thank-
 fulness of the progress of the cause of truth on the continent of Europe.
 They express their fraternal regard and affection for the Continental
 Churches struggling to spread the Gospel, often amid abounding diffi-
 culty and opposition.

The Synod rejoice with the Christian Missionary Church of Belgium
 that the celebration of their Jubilee has been accompanied with the
 extinction of the debt which has so long oppressed them, and they trust
 that the entrance of the Belgian Church on a new half-century of labour
 may be gladdened by increasing proofs of the presence and the favour
 of the great Head of the Church.

The Synod express their regret that it has not been, at this time,
 found possible to carry into effect the proposed union between the
 Waldensian Church and the Free Church of Italy. They trust that the
 efforts of both Churches for the evangelisation of Italy may be crowned
 with success.

The Synod congratulate the Unofficial Synod of the Reformed Church of France on its increasing influence and usefulness, and on the spread and power of evangelical doctrine amongst the Protestants of France. They pray that the labours of the Reformed and Free Churches of France may result in growing spiritual enlightenment and blessing to that land.

The Synod regard with satisfaction the progress of negotiations on the question of Federal Relations with the Free Church of Scotland and the Calvinistic Methodist Church of Wales. They rejoice in the manifestation thus afforded of the substantial unity which subsists between this Church and the said Churches. They empower the Intercourse Committee to confer with any Committees which may be appointed for the purpose, by the United Presbyterian Church and by the above-named Churches, on matters of detail in carrying out of Federal Relations. They further instruct the corresponding members and deputies who shall be appointed to the respective Churches to bring before their Supreme Courts the present position of the negotiations, the suggestion of the appointment in each case of a Committee to consider details, and the desire of this Church that the movement may be brought to a successful issue.

The Synod express their sense of the importance of granting continued and enlarged aid to the Churches and Societies on the continent of Europe, to which they have sought to extend encouragement and help; they earnestly hope that the number of contributing congregations may be largely increased in the coming year.

Deputations.

The Synod proceeded to receive Deputations from sister Churches.

Free Church
Letter.

This not being the year for a Deputation from the Free Church of Scotland, there was laid on the table and read a Letter from the General Assembly, conveying the assurance of that Church's continued and lively interest in the Home and Foreign work of the Presbyterian Church of England.

The Synod receive the Letter with much satisfaction, and instruct the Deputation about to visit the Free Church Assembly to assure that Assembly that this Church cordially reciprocate the sentiments of brotherly affection to which they have given expression, and continue to pray for their progress and prosperity.

Irish Pres-
byterian
Church.

There was tabled an extract Minute from the Records of the General

Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, commissioning as a Deputation to this Synod the following brethren:—The Rev. John H. Orr, D.D., Minister at Antrim, and Moderator of Assembly; the Rev. J. B. Huston, Minister at Aghadoey; the Rev. W. G. Boyd, Minister at Ramoan, with Sir J. P. Corry, Bart., M.P.; Mr. John Hanson, J.P.; and Mr. John Gailey, J.P.—*Elders*.

The Moderator—Dr. Orr—and Mr. Huston, being present, successively addressed the Synod.

There was read a Commission from the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in favour of the Rev. Alexander Yule, M.A., the Rev. W. Mackay Alexander, and Sir James McCulloch, K.C.M.G., as a Deputation to this Synod. Church of Victoria.

Mr. Alexander, the only member of the Deputation present, addressed the Synod.

Commissions were laid on the table in favour of Pastor J. D. Turino, of Genoa, as Deputy from the Waldensian Church; Pastor Vissen, of Dunkirk, from the Reformed Church of France; Pastor Ernest Barnaud, from the Union of Free Churches of France; and Pastor E. Vernier, from the Evangelical Society of Geneva. Continental Churches.

Pastors Turino and Vernier, the only Deputies present, addressed the House.

The Moderator conveyed the Synod's cordial thanks to the several Deputations, and assured them of the unabated interest of this Church in all that concerns the well-being of the Churches represented by them. Thanks.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Public Praise, which was given in by the Rev. J. W. Rodger. Public Praise.

On his motion the Synod resolve that the Report be received, and that Clerks and Corresponding Members of Presbyteries be requested to continue to bring the subject of improvement in Public Praise before their respective Presbyteries.

The Synod granted leave to the Presbyteries of Berwick, Birmingham, and Carlisle to meet during the interval between Sederunts of the House. Berwick, Birmingham, and Carlisle Presbyteries.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; whereof public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday,
May 3rd.

*At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and within
Westmorland Road Church, on
Thursday, the 3rd day of May,
1888, at Ten o'clock a.m.*

Constituted. The Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Treasurership. The Synod called for the Report of the Treasurership Committee, which was given in by Mr. John Bell, in the absence of Mr. George Duncan, Convener.

On his motion—The Synod receive the Report, acknowledge with thankfulness to God the continued liberality of the people in maintaining the various Funds of the Church, and, in view of the probable improvement in the general industries of the country, look forward hopefully to increased support in carrying forward the Schemes of the Church, both at home and abroad; invite the cordial co-operation of every Congregation in making the several Collections enjoined by the Synod; notice with approval the Committee's concern as to the increase of travelling expenses bearing heavily upon the Synod Fund; and appoint the Assessment for the Synod Fund in 1889 at 14s. 6d. on Membership and revenue, as follows, namely:—

	£	s.	d.
Presbytery of Berwick . . .	56	0	0
„ Birmingham . . .	43	0	0
„ Bristol . . .	46	0	0
„ Carlisle . . .	40	0	0
„ Darlington . . .	64	0	0
„ Liverpool . . .	246	0	0
„ London . . .	559	0	0
„ Manchester . . .	151	0	0
„ Newcastle . . .	210	0	0
„ Northumberland . . .	60	0	0
	<u>£1,475</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The Synod being aware that Mr. George Duncan, Convener of the Treasurership Committee, is absent from the Synod owing to serious indisposition, resolve to despatch to him a telegram expressive of their sincere sympathy, and their earnest prayer that he may be speedily restored to health and usefulness.

Mr. George
Duncan.

The Report of the Committee appointed yesterday to consider the financial condition of the College was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener. The Report is as follows:—

The Committee, having looked into the financial condition of the College as reported to the Synod, beg to recommend—

1. That the Synod authorise the College Committee to endeavour to raise a sum of at least £1,000 by special subscription in order to pay off the debt which has accumulated; and earnestly recommend this effort to the liberality of office-bearers and members of the Church.

2. That the Synod should assign to Principal Chalmers on his retirement a pension of £300 per annum for life.

3. That inasmuch as the income of the College, as estimated on the lines of its recent history, will not justify the Synod in assigning more at present, they assign a salary of £600 per annum to the Barbour Professor, and £600 per annum to Professor Elmslie, being the amount assigned to Professors Chalmers and Graham by last Synod.

4. That the allowance to the Principal shall be as heretofore, £100 per annum.

On the Convener's motion the Synod receive and adopt the Report.

The Synod proceeded to appoint a Professor to fill the Barbour Chair, and to be Principal of the College, the Rev. William S. Swanson meanwhile occupying the Moderator's Chair.

Barbour
Chair.

Extract Minutes were laid on the table and read from the Records of the Presbyteries of Berwick, Birmingham, Carlisle, Liverpool, London, Manchester, and Newcastle, the purport of which is that the Rev. James Oswald Dykes, D.D., Minister of Regent Square Church, London, be nominated to the twofold office.

There was also read an Address to the Rev. Dr. Dykes, as transmitted by the Presbytery of London, from the Elders, Deacons, Members, and Adherents of Regent Square Church, expressive of their cordial affection and esteem for Dr. Dykes, and their intense anxiety lest they be bereft of the Ministry of their beloved Pastor.

It was then moved, seconded, and unanimously resolved—That the

Rev. James Oswald Dykes, D.D., of Regent Square Church, London, be appointed to the Professorship of the Barbour Chair, and the Principalship of the College.

The Moderator informed Dr. Dykes of the appointment so cordially made. Dr. Dykes intimated his acceptance, and was heartily welcomed by the Synod as the Barbour Professor and the Principal of the College.

The Synod then loosed Dr. Dykes from the pastoral charge of the congregation of Regent Square; instructed the Presbytery of London (North) to have the Church declared vacant; take all competent steps to have the vacancy filled; and induct Dr. Dykes into his twofold office—it being understood that he retains his seat in the Presbytery of London (North) during the interval between his being loosed from his charge and his being inducted into his Professorship.

Next
Meeting.

The Synod appointed the next meeting thereof to be held at London, within Regent Square Church, on the last Monday in April, 1889, at Six o'clock p.m.; the Presbyteries of London (North and South) to make the necessary arrangements.

Deputation of
Noncon-
formists.

The Synod received a Deputation of Nonconformist Ministers of the City of Newcastle; the Deputation embracing representatives of the Wesleyan Methodist, United Methodist, Primitive Methodist, New Connexion Methodist, Congregational, and Baptist Churches.

The Deputation appeared on the platform, and were introduced by the Rev. Richard Leitch.

An Address of welcome to the Synod was read by the Rev. Walter Lenwood, Congregational Minister, who also, with the Rev. James Charles, addressed the House in terms of fraternal salutation and charity.

The Moderator, in the name of the Synod, reciprocated the sentiments of brotherly kindness to which the Deputation had given expression, and gave the brethren the right hand of fellowship.

Confession of
Faith.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Church's Relation to the Confession, which was given in by Principal Dykes, Convener. Mr. Swanson occupying the Chair of Synod.

On the Principal's motion—The Synod receive the Report and record their satisfaction at the completion of the 'Articles of the Faith,' as well as their thanks to the Committee for its diligence:

Resolve that the Draft of said 'Articles' now on the table be sent

to Presbyteries for careful examination, directing them to remit to the Committee, not later than the end of January next, all suggestions for its emendation which they deem to be of importance, and to report upon it, and also upon the uses which may profitably be made of it, to next Synod:

Resolve to postpone meanwhile further consideration of the Declaratory Statement approved by the Synods of 1886 and 1887, but instruct the Committee, in concert with that on Law and Historical Documents, to prosecute its researches into the facts respecting the Trust Deeds of Congregations:

Finally—Authorise the Committee to proceed with the preparation of the proposed ‘Appendix’ to said ‘Articles of the Faith,’ dealing with other matters referred to in the standards of this Church; as also of an Historical Introduction to the whole, suitable for circulation among our people.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Newcastle Ministerial
Efficiency.
on Ministerial Efficiency.

The Overture having been read was supported by the Rev. James Mackenzie.

The Synod receive the Overture, and refer it to a Committee to be named by the Selection Committee, with instructions to consider it, and report to next Meeting of Synod.

In pursuance of notice given, it was moved and seconded—

The Synod agree to send a Petition to Parliament to ask three Licensing
Clauses.
things in connection with the licensing clauses of the Local Government Bill.

1. That some adequate provision be introduced, by which the will of the ratepayers shall be consulted in the matter of new and renewed licences.

2. That the clauses providing compensation in the case of the withdrawal of licences, and so creating a new vested interest, at the cost of the ratepayers, are mischievous and unjust, and ought to be withdrawn.

3. That if in the wisdom of Parliament it is agreed to give compensation, any consideration for the expectation of renewal should take the form of a renewal for a definite term of not exceeding seven or ten years, after which any right of renewal shall cease.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment—That no such representations be transmitted.

The Synod proceeded to take the vote, the state thereof being motion or amendment, and to take it by a show of hands, when it was found that the motion was carried by a majority. Wherefore the Synod resolve in terms of the motion.

Dissent.

From this finding Mr. Robert Whyte asked leave to enter his dissent, for reasons to be duly submitted, in his own name and that of those who may adhere thereto—which leave was granted.

Presbytery of
Carlisle.

Leave was given to the Presbytery of Carlisle to meet in the interval between the Sederunts of Synod.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock : whereof public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday,
May 3rd.

*At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and within
Westmorland Road Church, on
Thursday, the 3rd day of May,
1888, at Six o'clock p.m.*

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Sabbath Ob-
servance.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, which was given in by Mr. Robert Wales, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

On his motion, the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee for the important preliminary work accomplished by them, and to Mr. J. T. Morton for the generous financial assistance rendered by him, and, having regard to the importance of the subject, and the peculiar dangers at present threatening the Lord's Day, reappoint the Committee, with the addition of Presbytery representatives, with instructions to pursue their labours, and report to next Synod.

The Report of the Committee on a Directory of Public Worship ^{Directory of Public Wor-} was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, who addressed the House on the ship. subject.

On his motion the Synod receive the Report, and reappoint the Committee to continue their labours under the instruction already given.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Instruc- ^{Instruction of Youth.} tion of Youth, which was given in by the Rev. William Dale, Secretary of Committee, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

The Supplementary Report was submitted by the Rev. Peter Carmichael, Vice-Convener.

1. The Synod receive and adopt the Report, with thanks to the Committee and to the large number of brethren who have assisted them in the various departments of their work.

2. The Synod express their great interest in the Committee's efforts to guide and encourage systematic and intelligent Bible reading on the part of the young people of the Church, by means of the Bible Band; and urge parents, unless their children are already connected with some similar union, to enrol them as members.

3. The Synod appoint the third Sunday in October to be the Children's Day, recommending that it be observed in all the Congregations of the Church; that it be devoted as far as possible to services directly occupied with the spiritual interests of the young; and that the collection enjoined to be made on that day for the Committee's funds be in no case overlooked.

4. The Synod approve of the proposal to offer book prizes to the scholars in each of our Sunday schools for the best essays on the advantages of the observance of the Lord's Day, with thanks to the generous friend who has provided the necessary means.

5. The Synod record their satisfaction at the considerable success which has attended the Committee's endeavours to foster the study of the 'Shorter Catechism,' by awarding Bibles as prizes for its accurate repetition, and would greatly regret if straitened funds compelled the abandonment of this scheme.

6. The Synod sanction the Higher Instruction programme of studies for 1888-89; record their thanks to Professor Macalister, Dr. Murphy, and Dr. Nicolson, on their retirement from the Board of Examiners, for their valuable services; confirm the appointment by the Committee of

the Rev. Alexander Jeffrey, M.A.; and appoint the Revs. J. B. Thorburn, M.A., and D. Matheson, M.A., to be members of the Board, in terms of the Committee's recommendation; and further appoint the Rev. J. Douglas Watters, M.A., to be Chairman of the Board, with a seat on the Committee *ex officio*.

7. The Synod, while rejoicing in the increased efficiency of the aided day schools, instructs the Committee to devise some method for testing the religious instruction given in these schools, and to take this into account in awarding the annual grants. Further, they gladly recognise the valuable work done in other day schools connected with various congregations, for which no Synodical grants are required.

8. The Synod cordially accede to the request of the Committee that Dr. Dykes and Dr. Monro Gibson be appointed joint Conveners.

9. In the cases to which the Higher Instruction Supplementary Report has called special attention, in which the recent examinations were for various reasons not held on the appointed days, the candidates, however, being in none of the cases responsible for the delay, the Synod adopt the recommendation of the Committee, and in accordance therewith award to these candidates the rewards which they have respectively earned, on condition that they shall each of them make a written declaration that they did not in any way obtain any information whatever as to the questions in the examination papers before their examinations were actually held.

10. Finally, the Synod lay upon the heart of the Church the young people in our families, Sunday schools, Bible classes, and day schools, together with the many earnest loving labourers who seek their good, being well satisfied that to train the children, youths, and members of our Church in knowledge, but most of all in the knowledge and faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, must lead to the quickening and invigoration of every part of our Church life.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed by this Synod on the Case of the Appeal, Complaint, and Memorial from Wareford, which was submitted by the Rev. William Hutton, Convener.

The Report is as follows:—

This Case, which was remitted to your Committee, included—

1. Protest and Appeal of the Rev. William Addison, and papers connected therewith.

2. Protest and Complaint of the Rev. Robert Macnair and Messrs.

Robert Amos, John Bolam, James Riddell, and James Ewing, and papers connected therewith.

3. Memorial to the Synod from 85 members and 17 adherents of Warenford Congregation, and papers connected therewith.

After all the papers had been read and parties heard, the Committee conferred with the parties separately—with the exception of the representatives of the Presbytery—when the Rev. Mr. Addison agreed to withdraw his Memorial and Complaint—one of the papers to which serious exception had been taken on the part of the appellants, and also any expressions in a Statement of Defence in his case, which had appeared in the public papers, in so far as they reflected upon the character of Office-bearers and Members of his Congregation, or imputed improper motives to them. These concessions having been made known to the appellants, they expressed their satisfaction, and the representatives of the Memorialists from the Congregation reciprocated Mr. Addison's expression of conciliation in a way that was most gratifying to the Committee. The course being thus so far cleared, your Committee then proceeded to deal with the remaining part of the case, and came to the following findings unanimously :—

FIRST. In reference to the Protest and Appeal of Mr. Addison against decision of Presbytery of November 1, 1887—Find that while the language used by the Presbytery to describe Mr. Addison's relations towards his Session may have been somewhat strong, yet they were not without grounds for the resolution to which they came, that he should be admonished to cultivate greater consideration and forbearance, and therefore in this view the Committee recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and that the decision of the Presbytery be sustained.

SECOND. In reference to the Protest and Complaint of Rev. Robt. Macnair (Minister), and Messrs. Amos, Bolam, Riddell, and Ewing (Elders), against the decision of Presbytery of November 15, 1887, and the Memorial of the Congregation supporting the complaint, find that inasmuch as they had undoubted ground for saying that on both sides there had been faults; inasmuch also as the scandals affecting the character of Mr. Addison, in which the whole case originated, had entirely fallen to the ground, and inasmuch as the other matters referred to, namely, Mr. Addison's relations to his Session and Mr. Thos. Harvey's relations to financial matters, had received full and careful consideration at the hands of the Presbytery—the Presbytery were so far justified in

their judgment—namely, ‘that while there have been undue excitement, acts of imprudence, and a want of conciliatoriness on the part of both, there is nothing to affect Mr. Addison’s status as Minister of the Congregation, or to justify the state of separation now existing.’ But inasmuch as the Presbytery, thinking that they were barred from taking further action by the Protest which had been tabled—in accordance with Section IV., No. 282, of the Book of Order—bearing that ‘the giving in of a complaint has the effect of staying the procedure of the inferior Court in the matter to which the complaint relates, until the same is either fallen from or finally disposed of by the inferior Court,’ omitted to take such practical measures as seemed needful and desirable in the whole circumstances to follow up their judgment, and to secure the harmony in the Congregation to which they counselled, find that they failed in this respect in their dealing with the case, and so far sustain the Complaint of the Appellants and Memorialists.

Further, in view of all the interests involved, the Committee recommend that a small Commission of Synod should be sent to Warendford to deal with the Congregation on the basis of the Presbytery’s judgment without reference to the past, and to put things right with reference, especially to regular meetings of Session and Deacons’ Court and the general management of the funds.

Parties having been recalled and the decision of the Committee having been intimated to them respectively, they all acquiesced.

Parties in this case having been called by the Synod, there appeared the Rev. William Addison, Appellant, for himself; Mr. Robert Amos, as representing the Complainants; the Rev. W. Rogerson, and Rev. W. Limont, as representing the Presbytery; and Mr. John Scott, as representing the Memorialists.

The question was put by the Moderator to the several parties, whether they acquiesced in the finding of the Committee; and the reply was given in the affirmative.

Parties were removed.

Whereupon it was moved, seconded, and resolved, that the recommendations in the Report of the Committee be adopted as the judgment of the Synod; the Selection Committee to nominate the Commission.

Parties were recalled, and the judgment of the Synod was intimated to them.

Ancoats Case. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed by the

Synod in the case of the Appeals against deliverances of the Presbytery of Manchester, lodged by Office-bearers in the Ancoats Congregation. The Report was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener, in the following terms:—

FIRST APPEAL.

APPEAL of Mr. Peter Cross and others against finding of Presbytery of Manchester, on January 9, 1888, ‘condemning the action of those Office-bearers who, from whatever motive, refused either to substantiate or withdraw the charges which they had previously made’ against the Rev. Walter Duncan.

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the Synod to dismiss the appeal and affirm the judgment of the Presbytery.

SECOND APPEAL.

Appeal of Mr. Edward J. Gilchrist, against the decision of the Presbytery of Manchester, on March 27, 1888, to the effect that ‘the Rev. Walter Duncan is eligible to receive a call.’

The Committee unanimously agree to recommend the Synod to dismiss the appeal and affirm the judgment of the Presbytery.

THIRD APPEAL.

Appeal of Mr. Edward J. Gilchrist and others against the finding of the Presbytery of Manchester, on April 16, 1888, that ‘the call’ in favour of the Rev. Walter Duncan ‘be sustained.’

The Committee unanimously agree to recommend the Synod to sustain the appeal, and reverse the judgment of the Presbytery. This finding is based solely on grounds arising out of the largeness of the minority and the state of feeling in the Congregation.

Parties were called, when there appeared Mr. Alexander Forrest and Mr. Alexander Sym, representing the Appellants in the first Appeal; Mr. E. J. Gilchrist, the Appellant in the second Appeal; and Mr. E. J. Gilchrist, as Appellant on the third Appeal; the Rev. J. T. McGaw, Rev. W. Young, and Rev. B. Bell, as representing the Presbytery of Manchester in the case of the first Appeal; the Rev. J. T. McGaw and Rev. W. Young, as representing the Presbytery in the second and third Appeals.

The question was put from the Chair to the representatives of the

several parties, whether they were prepared to acquiesce in the finding of the Committee; and the reply was given in the affirmative.

Parties were removed.

Whereupon it was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the recommendations in the Report of Committee be adopted as the judgment of the Synod.

Parties were recalled, and the judgment of Synod was intimated to them.

Applications
from Persons.

The Report of the Committee on Applications from Persons was submitted by the Rev. W. Ainslie Walton, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in accordance with its terms they resolve that the Rev. Dr. Simpson and the Rev. J. S. Craig be recognised as Ministers *Emeriti* of this Church; that Rev. John Crowe, in the event of his resignation being accepted, be recognised as a Minister *Emeritus* of this Church; that Mr. A. W. Macdougall, B.D., be placed on Roll A of the Probationers of this Church, subject to the Rule affecting the expiry of time; that the Presbytery of London be empowered to admit the Rev. Samuel Hester to the Ministry of this Church; that the Petition of Mr. T. W. Pearson, Student, to be treated exceptionally as to the course of Study and Examinations, previous to Licence, be granted thus far—that he be admitted to the College meanwhile as a Second-year Student without examination, one session which he has already spent as a Private Student being reckoned as his first session, and that at the close of his curriculum he be granted a Special Examination, and his case then come before the Synod for further consideration; and that the application of the Rev. George Mole be declined.

Rev. W. S.
Wilkinson.

In regard to the Application of the Rev. W. S. Wilkinson, it was moved and seconded—That the Application of Mr. Wilkinson to be received as a Student of the Second Year in the College of this Church be granted, it being understood that previous to being accepted as a Minister of the Church he should pass the Exit Examination.

It was moved and seconded, as an amendment—That it is inexpedient to treat this as an exceptional case, or to allow of his admission to the Church as a Minister otherwise than by passing through the College in the ordinary way.

The Synod proceeded to the Vote, the state thereof being Motion or Amendment, when it was found that the motion was carried by a majority. Wherefore the Synod resolve in terms of the motion.

From this finding the Rev. John Reid, jun., craved leave to enter Dissent. his dissent, which leave was granted.

Mr. Robert Whyte submitted his Reasons of Dissent from the finding of Synod passed this morning, in regard to the Licensing Clauses of the Local Government Bill. The Reasons were ordered to be entered on the Record, and, along with the names of their signers, are as follow :—

We, the undersigned, dissent from the decision of the Synod to petition Parliament on the subject of the Licensing Clauses of the Local Government Bill,

Because—

The Petition deals with points as to the nature and rights of property, which seem to us to lie outside the proper province of this Court; and

Because—

We desire to guard ourselves against being committed by what we regard as a dangerous precedent.

Robert Whyte, John Edmond, D.D., D. Fraser, D.D., George B. Bruce, Robert Taylor, J. B. Hastings, John Bell, Alexander Jeffrey, David McEwan, D.D., J. Reid Howatt, Thomas Bell, Thos. P. Dods, A. Armour, Robert Amos, David Smith, J. Young, M.D., James Goodman, Gustavus J. Goodman, John Robertson (Burton), Alexander Taylor, James Eadie, William Limont, Thos. W. Thacker, George Johnstone, M.A., B.D. (per R.W.), Syl. M. McClelland, William Steele, M.A., J. Oswald Dykes, D.D., William Rogerson, John Brown, John Reid, jun.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Friday, May
4th.

*At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and within
Westmorland Road Church, on
Friday, the 4th day of May, 1888,
at Ten o'clock a.m.*

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod again convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes
sustained.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were laid on the table, were held as read, and were sustained.

Memorial
Minute.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial Minute, to be entered on the Records, with reference to brethren deceased during the past Synodical year. The Report was submitted by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, Convener, who laid on the table draft of said Minute.

The Synod receive the Report, approve the draft submitted, order it to be entered on the Synod's Records, and instructed the Clerk to send Extracts to the bereaved families.

The Minute is as follows:—

The Synod record with profound sorrow their sense of the loss sustained by the death of the Revs. Professor Graham, D.D., William Fraser, M.A., Alexander Bruce Muir, Hugh T. Howat, D.D., and other faithful men who have rendered long and valued service in the Ministry and Eldership of the Church, and whom it has pleased God during the past year to call to their rest.

In Dr. Graham the Church had one whose personal character and public labours commanded universal confidence and affection. His fervent piety and varied culture, his genial heart and manly courage, his deep insight, embracing fidelity to truth, his devotion to duty and large sympathy with all good men, qualified him eminently for the important work which God enabled him to do. After serving Christ for many years in the pastorate of a large congregation, where he laboured with much zeal and acceptance, he was unanimously chosen by the Synod to fill one of the Professors' Chairs of our College, to the duties of which he devoted his last years with unsparing energy, when in the

midst of his usefulness, and highly esteemed for his works' sake, he entered into the joy of his Lord.

The memory of Mr. Fraser is linked with a purity and transparency of character and a tenderness of spirit which gave singular lustre and loveliness to his whole ministry; and his entrance into rest is all the more impressive, both in the lessons it teaches and the sorrow it awakens, from the fact that it was in the act of preaching the Gospel which he loved so well and proclaimed so faithfully, and even while its life-giving words were on his lips, he passed away.

In the death of Mr. Muir the Church has to mourn the loss of an earnest and devoted minister of Christ, who has left behind him a witness to his personal work and eminent service in the congregation whose edification and prosperity he did so much to promote.

Dr. Howat's sudden decease, so soon after being called to mourn the death of a loved son who had entered the Ministry of this Church full of promise, wears an aspect of sadness all its own. The Synod record their high appreciation of Dr. Howat's devoted labours, and the ability and energy with which he fulfilled them.

In acknowledging with adoring reverence the will of God in removing from amongst us during the past year these and other faithful servants of Christ, the Synod would give thanks to Him for the work they have done, and for the memory of grace and Christian service which they have left behind.

The Report of the Committee on Records was submitted by the Rev. Records. J. T. M'GAW, Convener. The Synod receive the Report, and order the Records of the Synod, the various Presbyteries, and Committees of the Church to be attested in terms thereof.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Applications from Places, which was given in by the Rev. Robert Cowan, Convener. Applications from Places.

The Synod receive the report; and in terms thereof the Synod authorise the Southern District Board to make a grant in aid of Church Building to the Congregation of Brondesbury: they authorise the Presbytery of London to ordain Mr. Darroch, at present labouring in the Mission at Kilburn in connexion with St. John's Wood Church, to the office of the holy Ministry, it being clearly understood that Mr. Darroch shall have no claim on any of the Synod's funds: they authorise the

Presbytery of Newcastle to raise the Preaching Station at Worley Street to the status of a Sanctioned Charge, so soon as they shall feel justified in so doing: they authorise the Congregation of Eccles, with the sanction of the Presbytery of Manchester, to dispose of the present iron building, and of the site, and instruct the Home Mission District Board to treat Eccles as a new Church Extension Charge: with regard to the Reference from the Presbytery of Carlisle anent difficulties in the Congregation at Brampton, the Synod agree to appoint a Small Commission, drawn from the adjoining Presbyteries, to be named by the Selection Committee, and with power to issue the whole case: they resolve that Haltwhistle be continued as a Sanctioned Charge, but that it shall not be allowed to call a Minister, until the consent of the Presbytery of Carlisle and of the North-Western Mission Board be obtained to that course.

Petition to
Parliament.

There was submitted draft of Petition to Parliament with reference to the Licensing Clauses of the Local Government Bill, as authorised by the deliverance passed by the Synod of yesterday's Sederunt.

The Synod approve of said draft, order it to be engrossed, signed by the Moderator and Clerk in name of the Synod, and presented to the Commons House of Parliament through Mr. James C. Stevenson, M.P. for South Shields, and Member of this House.

Regulation of
Vice.

In pursuance of notice given, it was moved, seconded, and resolved as follows:—

The Synod, having heard with much concern that in India, under the orders of the military authorities, proceedings are carried on affecting most deeply and detrimentally the moral well-being of the people of India, under the plea of protecting the health of her Majesty's troops in that country, agrees to place on record its deep abhorrence of the alleged practices, which, if found really to exist, ought in the opinion of this house to be immediately suppressed.

Soldiers and
Sailors.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Oversight of Soldiers and Sailors, which was submitted by the Rev. James Christie, Convener.

On his motion, the Synod receive the Report, and encourage the Committee to persevere in their good work of Oversight of Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors.

Probationers.

The Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers was given in by the Rev. Dr. Muir, Convener.

On his motion, the Synod receive and adopt the Report, with thanks to the Committee.

On the recommendation of the Committee on the Warenford Case Warenford. the Synod appointed the Rev. David Fotheringham to conduct Divine Service there next Lord's Day, and to intimate to the Congregation the judgment of Synod in the case.

The Report of the Committee on Statistics was submitted by Mr. Statistics. Robert Wales, in the absence through lengthened and severe affliction of Professor Leone Levi, Convener.

On Mr. Wales' motion, the Synod receive the Report; record their high appreciation of the unique and most important service rendered for twenty-two years in this department by Dr. Levi, their warm sympathy with him in his present affliction, and their earnest prayers for his support and comfort, and, should it be the Divine will, for his restoration to health and usefulness; express their thankfulness to the great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity and progress indicated by the present Report, and their sense of the great value to the Church of the full statistical information furnished; and reappoint the Committee, with instructions to continue their valuable services in this department.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Law and Law and Historical Documents, which was given in by the Rev. William Ballan- Historical Documents. tyne, in the absence of Dr. Leone Levi, Convener.

On Mr. Ballantyne's motion, the Synod resolved—

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Synod express their sympathy with the Convener of the Committee on Law and Historical Documents, Dr. Leone Levi, in the serious illness by which he has been laid aside from public duty, and their prayer that it may please God to restore him to health and active service.
3. That the Synod adopt the recommendation of the Report relative to a legal adviser of the Church, and do now accordingly appoint Mr. A. F. Douglas, B.A., LL.B., Cantab., Solicitor, London, legal adviser of this Church, on the terms and conditions stated in the Report, namely—
 - (1) That the appointment be during the pleasure of the Synod.

- (2) That the Retaining Fee be Twenty Guineas per annum, to cover such advice as may be needed by the General Secretary from time to time.
- (3) That Congregations requiring advice or other work make their own arrangements in regard to suitable remuneration.

4. That the Synod instruct Presbyteries to send to the Committee their suggestions on the Revision of the Book of Order not later than the end of October next.

5. That the Synod instruct the Committee to consider and report upon the steps to be taken with a view to (1) greater uniformity in the constitution of Congregations in its bearings upon Deacons' Courts and Boards of Managers, and (2) the constitution and procedure of Commissions of Synod and Presbytery as distinct from Committees.

New Zealand
Church.

There was laid on the table of Synod and presented to the House by Mr. Robert Morton Copy of Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. The Synod accept the Copy with thanks.

Letter of Dr.
Levi.

There was read a Letter from Dr. Leone Levi, resigning his Conventership of the Statistical and the Law and Historical Documents Committee, and giving a *résumé* of his work in these and other departments of Service to the Synod during the past twenty-five years.

The Synod receive the communication from Dr. Leone Levi with great sympathy and regret, put on record their very high sense of the able and faithful service which Dr. Levi has rendered to this Church over a long course of years, lament the necessity which has fallen upon him to retire from these useful labours, and express the hope and prayer that he may be sustained and comforted by the grace of the Lord whom he has loved and served.

The Synod instruct, moreover, that Dr. Levi's Letter be preserved in the Appendix to Synod Minutes, and that an Extract of this Minute, signed by the Moderator and Clerk, be transmitted to Dr. Levi.

Judicial.

The Report of the Judicial Committee was given in by the Clerk.
The Synod receive the Report, and reappoint the Committee.

Oxford and
Cambridge.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Oxford and Cambridge, which was given in by the Rev. Charles Moinet, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and reappoint the Committee with the same instructions as before.

The Report of the Committee on the Church's Relations with the Congregational Union was given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and discharge the Committee, with thanks for their services.

The Synod called for the Report of the Special Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund, which, in the absence through indisposition of Mr. R. T. Turnbull, was given in by the Rev. J. T. McGaw.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report, and reappoint the Committee.

There was read a letter from the Rev. J. M. Ross in reference to the deliverance of last Synod in regard to his pension. It was moved and resolved that the Synod proceed to the next item on the Roll of Business.

There was laid on the table Draft Copy of the Synod's Pastoral Letter for this year on the subject of Family Religion.

The Synod approve of and adopt the Draft, and instruct that it be printed, distributed among the Congregations of the Church, and that it be read from every pulpit on the first Sabbath of June, or if that be inconvenient, on some other Sabbath about that time.

The Synod called for the Report of the Selection Committee, which was given in by Mr. Thomas Bell, Clerk.

The Synod receive the Report, and adopt the List of Standing and Special Committees for the ensuing year, as there indicated. The list is as follows. (See Appendix.)

There was submitted to the Synod that portion of the General Purposes Committee's Report which has not yet been dealt with by the Synod.

The Synod receive the Report and, in terms of the same, resolve—

1. That the Collections for Synodical Funds during the ensuing year be as follows, viz. :—

For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of May 1888.

„ Continental Work	„	„	July	„
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„	Oct.	„
„ The College	„	„	Nov.	„
„ The Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan. 1889.	
„ The Home Mission	„	„	Mar.	„

2. That the following modification be made in the Standing Orders :

That after the words ‘substantive motion’ at the sixteenth line of the Standing Orders referring to Motions, Votes, and Decisions, the words be interposed—‘provided always that—5. In the course of any discussion, a member may move a resolution that *the question under consideration shall not be put*; in which case, so soon as the mover of the resolution shall have explained the reasons on account of which he proposes it, the vote upon it shall be forthwith taken, such resolution taking precedence of every other motion before the House, and, should it be carried, the business shall immediately take end.’

3. That the Committee on Law and Historical Documents be instructed to make a similar modification in the Book of Order regulating the conduct of debate.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Scottish Synod in England explaining that, in consequence of that Synod and this, meeting during the same week, no deputies could come to Newcastle.

The Synod received the letter with satisfaction.

The Synod record their thanks to the Office-bearers of Westmorland Road Church, for the use of their Church and other premises; to the Arrangements Committee, in Newcastle, for the excellent arrangements they have made for the convenience and comfort of the House; and to the numerous families in Newcastle, Gateshead, North Shields, South Shields, Sunderland, Durham, and Jarrow, for the hospitality they have extended to members of Synod during the sittings thereof.

The Minutes of this day’s Sederunt were read and sustained; and there was passed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for the diligence and efficiency with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

The Synod, having now, in the good providence of God, brought its business to a close, was suitably addressed by the Moderator, who declared this Synod closed, and indicated the next Synod to be held, as already determined, within Regent Square Church, London, on the last Monday in April, 1889, at Six o’clock P.M.

The Synod was closed with praise and prayer.

Signed, in the name and by the authority of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, by

J. OSWALD DYKES, D.D., *Moderator*.

WILLIAM McCAW, D.D., *Clerk*.

Scottish
Synod.

Thanks.

Minutes sus-
tained.

Close.

APPENDIX.

A.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

NOTE.—The Moderator of Synod, the Clerk, and the General Secretary are, by appointment of Synod, members of all the Standing Committees except the Treasurership.

1.—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Muir	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. R. M. Thornton	Mr. W. L. Watson
W. S. Swanson	Robert Wales		
W. J. Maxwell	John Hume	Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. R. T. Turnbull
		W. M. Macphail	John A. Swanston
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. Samuel Stitt	D. Fotheringham	A. M. Fraser
Dr. McEwan	Robert Morton		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. McEwan.

2.—HOME MISSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. John Sclater	Mr. R. T. Turnbull	Rev. Dr. James Muir	Mr. Samuel Stitt
Wm. Rogerson	William Brander	J. S. Rae	Robert Amos
	Thomas Holder		
	Alexander Taylor	Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson	Mr. George Duncan
		R. H. Lundie	J. A. Beith
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. G. B. Bruce	John Bogue	William Sutton

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. George B. Bruce.

3.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. William Dale	Mr. George Duncan	Rev. Peter Carmichael	Major-Gen. James
James Durran	Lieut.-Gen. George		Anderson
	Anderson		
W. M. Macphail	Mr. Jasper Young	Rev. Wm. Ballantyne	Mr. H. M. Matheson
James Macintosh	J. A. Swanston	J. Head Thomson	John Bell
	Robert Young	Matthew Davison	Donald Matheson
			J. E. Mathieson
Rev. John Sclater	Mr. Thomas Matheson		Wm. Carruthers
R. M. Thornton	John Lamont		Thomas Bell
W. M. Smith	John A. Beith		
J. R. Gillies	Rev. Dr. W. Kennedy		
	Moore		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. H. M. Matheson.

SECRETARY: Mr. John Bell.

4.—JEWISH MISSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. Matthew Davison	Mr. John Duncan		Rev. George Elder	—	
R. M. Thornton	John MacFarlane				
J. H. Thomson	Peter Scotland		Rev. Dr. H. S. Pater-	Rev. Wm. Wingate	
			son	Mr. J. M. Leitch	
Rev. Dr. Edmond	Rev. Dr. T. W. Brown			J. G. Smieton	
Robert Taylor	Mr. John Bell			Dr. Gauld	
A. N. Mackray				Small	

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Edmond.

5.—INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. J. W. Rodger	Mr. Donald Matheson		Rev. Dr. Hamilton	—	
W. S. Swanson	Samuel Stitt				
Dr. Dykes	Rev. Dr. Wright		Rev. Robert Taylor	Mr. James Robertson	
			J. R. Gillies	H. M. Paul	
Rev. R. H. Lundie	Mr. John A. Swanston			John M. Douglas	
T. J. Meyer	John Hume			H. M. Matheson	
J. Head Thomson					

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. R. H. Lundie.

6.—COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Morison	Mr. James Hardie		Rev. N. A. Ross	Mr. Robert Amos	
Dr. Fraser	John Johnstone,		Jas. Cunningham	J. Muir Leitch	
	London				
J. B. Meharry	W. R. Galbraith		Rev. William Martin	Mr. Robert Morton	
			Donald Matheson	John M. Douglas	
Rev. Charles Moinet	Mr. J. G. Smieton		James Durran	A. M. Fraser	

With Professors, Presbytery Representatives, and the following, as Members of Board of Examination, viz.—

Rev. J. T. McGaw, M.A.	Rev. J. Reid, sen., M.A.
W. A. Walton, B.D.	George Johnstone, B.D.
Wm. Ballantyne	Gavin Carlyle, M.A.
H. C. Wilson, M.A.	A. H. Drysdale, M.A.
J. Reid, jun., M.A., F.S.A.	W. M. Macphail, M.A.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Fraser.

7.—INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	MINISTERS.		ELDERS.
Rev. William Dale	Mr. Wm. Farquharson			Mr. Geo. Henderson	
S. R. Macphail	Robert Stark				
Dr. Monro Gibson			Rev. John Reid, jun.	Mr. James Robb	
Alex. Jeffrey			Peter Carmichael	Robert Whyte	
			Hugh Macintosh	Alex. Clark	
Rev. W. M. Smith	Mr. Wm. Carruthers				
George Elder	Rev. Dr. W. Kennedy				
	Moore				

With Presbytery Representatives, and Rev. J. Douglas Watters as Chairman of Board of Examiners.

JOINT CONVENER: Rev. Principal Dykes and Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson.

8.—TEMPERANCE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. J. W. Rodger	Mr. Robert Wales	Rev. Donald Matheson	Mr. J. Y. Henderson
James Towers	Major-Gen. Jas. Anderson	Peter Carmichael	J. M. Douglas
Alex. Jeffrey	Mr. W. G. Creighton	Rev. Wm. Armstrong	Mr. Robert Stark
Rev. R. E. Welsh	Mr. James Robertson	R. H. Lundie	J. W. Jackson
		Dr. Hamilton	B. H. Webb

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. Robert Wales.

9.—LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Edmond	Rev. John Kelly	Rev. W. M. Macphail	Mr. James Robertson
William Dale	Mr. Henry Robson	James Durran	A. M. Fraser
J. A. Rentoul	John Lamont		
Rev. Charles Moinet	Rev. Dr. Kennedy	Rev. J. T. McGaw	Dr. Leone Levi
	Moore	Wm. Ballantyne	Mr. Thomas Bell
		D. Fotheringham	Robert Whyte

With Presbytery Representatives, and the following who were added to assist in revising the Book of Order:—

Rev. Dr. Muir
James Mackenzie
J. Howie Boyd
John Bogue

Rev. Geo. Johnstone
W. Rogerson
Mr. Wm. Carruthers

CONVENER: Rev. W. Ballantyne.

10.—PUBLICATIONS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. J. Reid Howatt	Mr. Alex. Durward		Mr. D. S. Barclay
J. B. Meharry	R. M. Moir		G. W. C. Shield
W. J. Maxwell	Rev. John Kelly		
Rev. Dr. Gibson	Mr. Wm. Garden	Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. G. B. Bruce
	Matthew Little	Robert Taylor	T. W. Thacker
	John Hume	W. S. Swanson	Wm. Carruthers

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. T. W. Thacker.

11.—PUBLIC PRAISE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. J. W. Rodger	Mr. F. G. Edwards	Rev. H. M. Mackenzie	Mr. John S. Balfour
Donald Matheson	H. Fulkerson		
Charles Moinet	Dr. Gauld	Rev. John Mauchlen	Mr. A. C. Falconer
		Henry Miller	Robert Wales
Rev. J. B. Meharry	Mr. James Robb	D. C. Sillars	Ninian Merrylees
A. C. Alexander	John N. Boyd		

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Charles Moinet.

12.—GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Officials of the Standing Committees, together with Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

13.—BOARD OF NOMINATION TO MODERATORSHIP.

The Moderators of the Synod who have passed the Chair, together with Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: The Moderator.

14.—DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

Rev. Professor Gibb
Dr. James Muir
James Christie

Rev. Dr. Morison
George Elder
Mr. J. G. Smieton

With Presbytery Representatives.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Muir.

15.—OVERSIGHT OF SOLDIERS.

MINISTERS.

Rev. James Christie
Ellis Hewitt
A. C. Alexander
James Cunningham
Alex. Jeffrey

ELDERS.

Lieut.-General Anderson
Major-Gen. J. Anderson
Mr. J. A. Swanston
W. G. Creighton

With Chaplains and other Ministers having Oversight of Soldiers, as Corresponding Members.

CONVENER: Rev. J. Christie.

16.—STATISTICS.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Dr. McEwan
W. Ballantyne

ELDERS.

Dr. Leone Levi
Mr. R. A. MacLean

CONVENER: Rev. John Black.

17.—TREASURERSHIP.

Mr. George Duncan
John Bell
R. T. Turnbull
John Johnstone
W. L. Watson
Donald Matheson

Mr. Robert Niven
Robert Wales
Jasper Young
Alister G. Fraser
James Alexander
D. Cooper-Scott

CONVENER: Mr. George Duncan.

18.—JUDICIAL.

MINISTERS.
Rev. Dr. Chalmers
Dr. Edmond

ELDERS.
Mr. Gainsford Bruce
Dr. Leone Levi
Sir C. E. Lewis, Bart., M.P.
Mr. Samuel Stitt

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. McCaw.

B.—SPECIAL COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, CORRESPONDING MEMBERS, AND DEPUTIES.

1.—THE CHURCH'S RELATION TO THE CONFESSION.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Ex.-Prin. Chalmers	Mr. S. Smith, M.P.
Dr. Edmond	Geo. Duncan
Fraser	Robert Whyte
Dykes	Dr. Leone Levi
H.S. Paterson	Mr. Robt. Wales
McEwan	G. Bruce, Q.C.
Symington	Samuel Stitt
Macleod	T. Bell (Liverpool)
McCaw	Francis Johnston
Simpson	William Sutton
Geo. Johnstone	Thomas Hall
R. H. Lundie	John A. Beith
Robert Taylor	Robert Amos

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. John Selater	Mr. Robert Hedley
A. H. Drysdale	Wm. Carruthers
John Thompson	W. S. Wilkinson
J. B. Meharry	Robert Barclay
W. Ainslie Walton	
William Limont	
J. Howie Boyd	
A. N. Mackray	
Robert Cowan	
J. T. McGaw	
William Dale	
John More	

CONVENER: Rev. Principal Dykes.

2.—COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Mr. Robert Amos
Principal Dykes	John Lamont
Dr. McEwan	Wm. Carruthers
Robt. Taylor	Wm. Garden
Professor Elmslie	Rev. John Kelly
George Johnstone	Mr. Robert Whyte
J. T. McGaw	R. T. Turnbull
W. Ainslie Walton	H. M. Matheson
H. C. Wilson	G. B. Bruce

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Charles Moinet	W. R. Galbraith
A. L. Henderson	J. Muir Leitch
J. W. Rodger	
James Stuart	
Donald Matheson	
J. B. Hastings	
James Christie	
J. B. Meharry	

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Fraser.

3.—CHRISTIAN GIVING.

MINISTERS.
Rev. Dr. McCaw
James S. Rae
Dr. Symington
J. G. Train
Alex. Jeffrey

ELDERS.
Mr. George Duncan
R. T. Turnbull
H. M. Matheson
J. M. Douglas
Robert Amos

CONVENER: Rev. James S. Rae.

4.—ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. W. Ainslie Walton	Mr. Robert Wales	Rev. Robert Taylor	Mr. John H. Duncan
Peter Carmichael	John Bell	J. Howie Boyd	
A. F. Douglas	Thos. Matheson		

CONVENER: Rev. A. F. Douglas.

5.—THE STATUS OF MEDICAL AND OTHER NON-MINISTERIAL MISSIONARIES.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Dr. Edmond Fraser	Mr. H. M. Matheson	Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. George Blair
Principal Dykes	John Bell	R. H. Lundie	Archibald Ferguson
Dr. Morison	William Carruthers	John Thompson	Robt. Barclay
McCaw	Robt. Amos	John Sclater	Thomas Bell
Muir	John A. Beith	W. S. Swanson	
	R. T. Turnbull	John Black	

CONVENER: Rev. R. H. Lundie.

6.—COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER POSITION OF AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. R. H. Lundie	Mr. George Duncan	Rev. Thos. Macpherson	Mr. Robert Wales
J. T. McGaw	R. T. Turnbull		Chas. Macdonald
Dr. Fraser	John A. Beith		Thomas Bell
MacEwan	Samuel Stitt		W. P. Sinclair, M.P.
James Mackenzie	John A. Swanston		

CONVENER: Mr. R. T. Turnbull.

7.—ON MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Principal Dykes	Mr. Robert Amos	Rev. S. R. Macphail	Mr. John Gunn
Dr. Fraser	William Sutton	J. G. Train	G. B. Bruce
W. A. Walton	Thomas Hall	J. B. Meharry	R. T. Turnbull
James MacKenzie	Robert Whyte	Robert Taylor	Matthew Little
Robert Cowan	Robert Thomson		

CONVENER: Rev. James MacKenzie.

8.—ON SITE OF COLLEGE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. W. Ainslie Walton	Dr. MacLagan	Rev. Dr. D. Fraser	Mr. James Goodman
John H. Scott	Mr. Robt. Gardner	Dr. Edmond	A. M. Fraser
John More	John Gunn	Dr. McEwan	H. M. Matheson
James Christie	George A. Main	Robert Taylor	George Duncan
John G. Train	Gray (West	Dr. Hamilton	G. B. Bruce
Dr. Macleod	H'pool)	James Mackenzie	Wm. Carruthers
George Johnstone	Samuel Stitt	J. B. Hastings	John Bell
Dr. Muir	Thos. Matheson	A. H. Drysdale	J. G. Smieton
Charles Moinet	W. P. Sinclair,	W. Rogerson	John A. Beith
Wm. Ballantyne	M.P.		James Halliday
W. S. Swanson	Thomas Holder		J. C. Stevenson
J. T. McGaw	Samuel Smith		George Bell, jun.
John Reid, sen.	R. T. Turnbull		Robert Amos
Dr. J. Monro Gibson	Robert Barclay		W. S. Wilkinson

With the Professors.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson.

9.—COMMISSION ON WARENFORD.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
The Moderator	Mr. G. W. C. Shield	Rev. J. T. McGaw	Mr. Thomas Bell
Rev. Wm. Hutton	Robert Thomson	J. Howie Boyd	(Liverpool)

CONVENER: The Moderator.

CLERK: The Rev. J. Howie Boyd.

To meet within the Church at Warford, on Tuesday, May 15, 1888, at 3 p.m.

10.—COMMISSION ON BRAMPTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
The Moderator	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. William Rogerson	Mr. Robert Amos
Rev. W. Ainslie Walton	T. P. Dods	James Mackenzie	George Bell
J. S. Rae	W. S. Wilkinson	Thomas MacPherson, sen.	

CONVENER: The Moderator.

CLERK: Rev. James Mackenzie.

To meet in the Church at Brampton on Wednesday, June 6, at 5 p.m.

11.—OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Principal Dykes	Mr. J. Muir Leitch	Rev. D. Monro Gibson	Mr. Jas. Goodman
Dr. Grosart	G. B. Bruce	Charles Moinet	
Macleod	Thomas Bell	J. T. McGaw	
Morison	Samuel Stitt	W. Ainslie Walton	
McCaw	J. A. Beith	Prof. Elmslie	

CONVENER: Rev. Charles Moinet.

12.—BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR SYNOD, 1889.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Principal Dykes	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Rev. R. H. Lundie	Mr. W. R. Galbraith
Dr. Fraser	H. M. Matheson	William Hutton	Alex. Taylor
John Bogue	George Duncan	J. Howie Boyd	W. S. Wilkinson
Charles Friskin	Robert Wales	Robert Macnair	
James Mackenzie	George Bell, jun.	James Lees	
John Thompson	R. T. Turnbull	John Reid, sen.	

With Presbytery Representatives and with the General Secretary and the Clerk of Synod.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Fraser.

13.—DEPUTIES TO THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

MINISTERS.	ELDER.
The Moderator	Mr. Archibald Ferguson
Rev. George Smith	

14.—DEPUTIES TO SYNOD OF CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN ENGLAND.

MINISTER.	ELDER.
The Moderator	Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P.

15.—CORRESPONDING MEMBERS TO THE WELSH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

MINISTERS.
The Moderator
Rev. William Young

ELDERS.
Mr. Adam Hogg
Thomas Matheson

CONVENER: The Moderator.

16.—CORRESPONDING MEMBERS TO THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOID.

MINISTERS.
The Moderator
Rev. James Towers
Dr. Nicolson
Joseph Rorke
Dr. Hamilton
W. T. Bankhead

ELDERS.
Mr. William Sutton
George Bell, jun.
Thomas Bell, Liverpool
Robert Amos

CONVENER: The Moderator.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. That for the convenience of Sessions the Clerk shall, at least one month before the meeting of Synod, issue to each Session a copy of the form of Commission, and of the Certificate appointed to be used for certifying Elders.

2. That all Commissions transmitted to the Clerk of Synod shall be revised by him, in so far as regards the regularity of said Commissions in point of form, and that he shall report to the Committee appointed by the Synod for revising Commissions only such as are defective or irregular.

3. That all Overtures, Returns to Overtures from Inferior Courts, and all papers transmitted by the Inferior Courts shall be in the form of Certified Extracts from the Minutes of said Courts, and that all such, as well as Elders' Commissions, shall be in the hands of the Clerk of Synod ten days at least before the meeting of Synod.

4. That papers in cases from Inferior Courts, whether forming part of the Record or produced in evidence before said Courts, shall, in each case, before they are given in, be duly dated, numbered, and initialled by the Clerk of the Court from which they come, and be accompanied by petition for transmission to the Committee on Bills by the parties sending them in.

5. That the Synod at its first Sederunt shall appoint two Committees—one to be called the Committee on Commissions and Records, and the other the Selection Committee. That the former shall consist of forty members, all chosen by the Synod; and it shall be charged with the revision of such Elders' Commissions as the Clerk may report to be defective or irregular, and of the Records of the Synod, the Presbyteries, and the Standing Committees. That the latter shall consist of the Conveners of existing Standing Committees, along with a member selected by each Presbytery—his name to be forwarded to the Clerk ten days before the meeting of Synod; and that it shall be charged with the nomination of suitable persons to act on the various Committees of the Church.

6. That on the appointment of any Committee to do work during the sittings of Synod, a notice containing the names of the members shall be posted up in the porch immediately after their first announcement in Synod.

7. That at a suitable time the Synod shall appoint a Committee on Bills and Business for the following Synod; that it shall be chosen jointly by the Synod and the Presbyteries—each Presbytery being authorised to nominate one member for every fifteen congregations or fraction thereof—the names of the persons so nominated to be in the hands of the Clerk ten days before the meeting of the said following Synod; that it shall be charged with the revision and transmission of all papers to be laid on the table of the Synod, and with the arrangement of the Order of Business; and that it shall meet on the afternoon of the day of the Synod's meeting, so as to be able to report at the first Sederunt.

8. That the Synod shall meet on Monday evening at Six o'clock, and shall be prepared to enter on business not later than Eight o'clock.

9. That the Clerk shall report to the Synod on the Monday evening in regard to Elders' Commissions, so that the Roll may be made up at once, except in the case of such defective or irregular Commissions as may have been reported to the Committee on Commissions and Records.

10. That the following arrangements shall, as far as practicable, be observed during the sittings of the Synod, namely:—

MONDAY.

That the Business Committee shall submit its Report immediately after that on Ministerial Changes, to be followed by—

- (1) Applications from Persons and Places.
- (2) Petitions, References, and other Communications *not* cognate to Reports of Synodical Committees.
- (3) Such other Business as the Business Committee may suggest.

TUESDAY.

- (1) That the Synod shall first observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper—the service not to extend beyond an hour—and then proceed to business, without adjournment.
- (2) That immediately after the reception of the Reports of the Committee on defective or irregular Commissions (if any), the Corresponding Members of the United Presbyterian Church be received by an official recognition from the Moderator's Chair, with a brief reply from one of the Corresponding Members; after which the reports of the Business and Selection Committees shall be received.
- (3) That one hour thereafter be devoted to the reception of the Reports of Synod Deputies, after which the morning sitting to be devoted, as far as necessary, to the Reports of the Home, Jewish, and Foreign Missions.
- (4) That the Missionary Meeting in the evening commence at Seven o'clock, the preceding hour being occupied with minor pieces of business, as may be arranged by the Business Committee.

WEDNESDAY.

- (1) That the Report of the College Committee shall immediately follow that of the Committee on Ministerial Support, the remainder of the Sederunt being occupied by such other business as may be arranged.
- (2) That the reception of Deputies from other Churches shall form an order of the day for 7.30 in the evening, the preceding hour and a half being devoted to General Business; that no Deputy be heard who has not been formally commissioned; that the papers of Deputies, having been duly passed through the Business Committee, be simply reported but not read in court; that Deputies from Home Churches be received first, and then those from Colonial and Foreign Churches, the two latter changing places at alternate Synods; that not more than two Deputies be heard from any one Church; that each Foreign Deputy be allowed a quarter of an hour, provided the whole of the Foreign Deputies do not in any case occupy more than one hour in all; and that the Moderator acknowledge the addresses of the Deputies at the close without formal motion.

THURSDAY.

- (1) That the morning be reserved, as far as possible or necessary, for important questions that may from time to time be brought before the Synod.
- (2) That Committees to which matters shall have been specially referred submit their Reports, as far as possible, in the evening up till 7.30 [or 8] o'clock, when there shall be an order of the day for the reception of the Report on the Instruction of Youth.

FRIDAY.

That this day shall be devoted to the remanent business of the Synod, and that Members shall be expected to arrange to remain over the day.

11. That, except in the case of the last day's proceedings, the Minutes, having been previously printed and placed in the hands of Members, shall be held as read, and be sustained accordingly at the beginning of each day's proceedings, with such corrections as may then be made.

12. That the Reports of the Committees of the Synod shall be printed and circulated along with the Minutes of Synod; and that a copy of the same shall be bound up in volumes and preserved among the Documents of the Synod.

13. That in cases where parties are called to the bar, two speeches only shall be heard from each party, including the reply, to which the appellant or complainant shall be entitled. But if there be more than two parties, there shall be only one speech from each, besides the reply. In case of there being more than one complainant, and it appearing that the complaints are on distinctly separate grounds, each may be considered a separate party.

14. That the following shall be the order in regard to Motions, Votes, and Decisions:—(1) Every motion or amendment shall be given in to the Clerk, in writing, as soon as it shall have been read to the House. (2) When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the House, except as an amendment thereon, or as an alternative motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod. (3) The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter, the debate shall be held definitively closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting in regard to the manner of putting the vote. (4) When there are only two motions before the House the question put to the vote shall be—Motion or Amendment, or first or second Motion? When there are more than two Motions a vote is taken successively upon each, and unless it shall appear that one of the Motions has a clear majority of all the votes, that which had the least number shall be dropped, and a fresh vote taken upon those that remain, till only one shall be left, when the remaining Motion shall be finally put to the House as a substantive Motion—provided always that—(5) In the course of any discussion, a member may move a resolution that *the question under consideration shall not be put*; in which case, so soon as the mover of the resolution shall have explained the reasons on account of which he proposes it, the vote upon it shall be forthwith taken, such resolution taking precedence of every other motion before the House, and, should it be carried, the business shall immediately take end. (6) The voting shall be either by an open show of hands or by ballot, or by calling the Roll of the House. In the first case the Moderator or

Clerk counts the votes, but if needful, tellers may be appointed to assist him. In the case of ballot, voting papers shall be prepared and supplied to Members of the Court; and on their being collected they shall be referred to two or more scrutineers appointed by the Court, who shall ascertain the result and report the same. In the case of calling the Roll, the names of the Members arranged in Presbyteries are called seriatim by the Clerk, and each Member's vote on being tendered is marked by the Clerk. The votes are then summed up, and the result announced by the Moderator.

15. That in bringing up a Report from the Committee, the Convener thereof shall move the reception of the Report, and the adoption of such resolutions as the Report contains, or suggests may be proposed to the House, with such additional resolution or resolutions as may seem necessary or desirable.

16. That any proposal for a pause in the Synod's proceedings, with a view to engage in special Devotional Exercises, shall be made to the Synod only through the Moderator. That all letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the House shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator on the way of disposing of them.

17. That the Records of Synod, Presbyteries, and Standing Committees be called for at the first Morning Sitting, and remitted to the Committee on Records for examination. The Moderator or Clerk shall attest the same in accordance with their report.

18. That no Committee shall continue to sit after the Moderator shall have taken the Chair.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

AND OTHER PAPERS

PRESENTED TO THE

THIRTEENTH SYNOD

OF THE

Presbyterian Church of England,

HELD AT

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, APRIL 1888.

*The following are certified as the Reports received by the Synod
of 1888.*

WILLIAM McCRAW,
Synod Clerk.

JERSEY, *May* 1888.

I.
REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CHANGES
FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR 1887-88.

FOREIGN MISSIONS FIELD.

The Rev. Alexander Gregory, M.A., was inducted by the Presbytery Jan. 24, 1888 of Northumberland as Missionary at Amoy.

PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

NO CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF BIRMINGHAM.

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| 1. The Rev. D. Russell Cowan was translated from Walsall. | Oct. 4, 1887. |
| 2. The Rev. W. Johnston, B.A., was inducted at Wolverhampton. | Oct. 13, 1887. |
| 3. The Rev. D. Russell Cowan was inducted at Stafford. | Nov. 1, 1887. |
| 4. The Rev. A. L. Simpson, D.D., resigned his charge at Derby. | Feb. 21, 1888. |
| 5. The Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., was inducted at Dudley. | April 17, 1888. |

PRESBYTERY OF BRISTOL.

The Rev. Alex. H. Reid was inducted at Torquay.	May 26, 1887.
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PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

1. Mr. Douglas McLellan was ordained at Workington, and admitted Sept. 22, 1887. to the pastorate there.
2. The Rev. John Scott Craig resigned his charge at Crosby Street, Dec. 27, 1887. Maryport.
3. Mr. George Patterson was ordained at Maryport, and admitted to Jan. 25, 1888. the pastorate there.
4. The Rev. William Harvey, late minister of John Street, Maryport, April 18, 1888. died.

PRESBYTERY OF DARLINGTON.

1. The Rev. R. E. Welsh, M.A., was translated from Harrogate. June 7, 1887.
2. The Rev. George Samuel, M.A., was ordained at Tow Law, and July 27, 1887. admitted to the pastorate there.
3. The Rev. Robert Balgarnie, D.D., was inducted at Bishop Jan. 11, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

- Aug. 16, 1887. 1. The Rev. A. Bryce Muir, of St. Paul's, Tranmere, died.
- April 5, 1888. 2. Mr. T. W. Macpherson, M.A., was ordained at St. Paul's, Tranmere, and admitted to the pastorate there.
- April 17, 1888. 3. The Rev. Hugh J. Howat, D.D., of Queen's Road Church, Liverpool, died.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

- May 12, 1887. 1. The Rev. Hugh Rodger was inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's, Southampton.
- May 20, 1887. 2. The Rev. W. J. Maxwell, M.A., was inducted into the pastorate of Trinity Church, Wimbledon.
- May 13, 1887. 3. The Rev. C. J. Whitmore, minister of Trinity Church, Kentish Town, died.
- June 23, 1887. 4. The Rev. Robert E. Welsh was inducted into the pastorate of the Congregation at Brondesbury.
- July 7, 1887. 5. Mr. John Patterson was ordained at Canterbury and admitted to the pastorate there.
- July 12, 1887. 6. The Rev. Thomas J. Dixon resigned his pastorate at Millwall.
- July 12, 1887. 7. The Rev. Ellis Hewitt was translated from Edenbridge to Aldershot.
- July 26, 1887. 8. Mr. C. Campbell Brown was ordained at Holybourne, and admitted to the pastorate there.
- July 28, 1887. 9. The Rev. Charles Donald Kay, M.A., was inducted into the pastorate of St. Mary's, Woolston, Southampton.
- Aug. 3, 1887. 10. The Rev. Ellis Hewitt was inducted into the pastorate at Aldershot.
- Sept. 13, 1887. 11. The Rev. William Fraser, M.A., minister of Queen's Road Church, Brighton, died.
- Oct. 18, 1887. 12. The Rev. George Wilson, M.A., resigned the pastorate of the Congregation at Stratford.
- Oct. 20, 1887. 13. Mr. D. M. Connan, M.A., was ordained at Trinity Church, Kentish Town, and admitted to the pastorate there.
- Nov. 8, 1887. 14. The Rev. Dr. Murphy was translated from Crouch Hill, London, to Elmwood, Belfast.
- Nov. 26, 1887. 15. The Rev. Dr. Graham, Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology, died.
- Dec. 13, 1887. 16. The Rev. Dr. Baggallay was translated from Gravesend to Bishop Auckland.
- Feb. 14, 1888. 17. The Rev. George Wilson, M.A., resigned the pastorate of the Congregation at Canonbury.
- Mar. 22, 1888. 18. The Rev. John B. Meharry, B.A., was inducted into the pastorate at Crouch Hill.
- Mar. 23, 1888. 19. Mr. Hugh Shearer was ordained, and admitted to the pastorate of Queen's Road Congregation, Brighton.

20. The Rev. Alexander Jeffrey was translated from Ipswich to April 17, 1888.
Stratford.

21. The Rev. Alexander Jeffrey was inducted at Stratford. April 24, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

1. The Rev. Walter Duncan, M.A., resigned his charge at Ancoats. Sept. 26, 1887.
2. The Rev. James Cleland, Minister Emeritus of Risley, died. Jan. 9, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

1. Mr. William Barnett Cooper, M.A., was ordained at Durham, and May 31, 1887.
admitted into the pastorate there.
2. Mr. William McLean Brown was ordained at Gosforth, and Sept. 6, 1887.
admitted into the pastorate there.
3. The Rev. James Craig resigned his charge at Bridge Street, Blyth. Dec. 6, 1887.
4. The Rev. John B. Meharry, B.A., was translated from Trinity Mar. 6, 1888.
Church, Newcastle.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

1. The Rev. Alexander Gregory, M.A., resigned his charge at Wooler Dec. 20, 1887.
West, on his appointment as Missionary at Amoy, China.
2. The Rev. David S. Fergus, M.A., of Thropton, resigned his charge. April 15, 1888.

TABULATED STATEMENT.

	Ordinatns.	Inductns.	Translatns.	Resignatns.	Deaths.	Totals.
Foreign Missions .....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Presbytery of—						
Berwick .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Birmingham .....	...	3	1	1	...	5
Bristol .....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Carlisle	2	...	...	1	1	4
Darlington.....	1	1	1	...	...	3
Liverpool	1	...	...	...	2	3
London	4	7	4	3	3	21
Manchester .....	...	...	...	1	1	2
Newcastle	2	...	1	1	...	4
Northumberland .....	...	...	1	1	...	2
	10	13	8	8	7	46

Submitted to the Synod of 1888 by

WILLIAM McCRAW,
Synod Clerk.

II.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

I.—SUSTENTATION FUND.

OWING to the extreme tardiness with which the contributions to this Fund came in, in the closing weeks of last year, the period was one of perhaps greater anxiety to the officials than in any previous year. Your Committee are glad, however, to be able to report that the claims of Congregations were fully met, the equal dividend having been once more sustained at £200, without the necessity of carrying forward a debit balance.

This is, of course, in itself, a satisfactory result. It cannot, however, be concealed that it has been arrived at in circumstances anything but encouraging to those responsible for administering a fund on which so much hangs. The change for the year in the givings of the aid-giving Congregations is still, so far as it goes, in the direction of helping *less*, not more. Any improvement is still, so far as that goes, on the part of the weaker and aid-receiving Congregations. For the first time in the history of the Fund, your Committee had to ask last Synod to protect it from any new applications, and Congregations are waiting at the door needing aid which, unless there is some expansion in the givings of the stronger Congregations, cannot be given. It is not that all Congregations are indifferent. Perhaps your Committee have never received more indications than during the last year, and especially during the last months of the year, of warm generous interest felt in the fund here and there over the Church. But this is unhappily neutralised by an apparent utter apathy and indifference in other quarters, such as is most discouraging.

Has the Church realised the importance of this Fund? Does she recognise what it has done, not only for the comfort of its Ministers, but for the prestige of the Church? Is she aware of the pains that have been taken to perfect its machinery, and to make it a real effective instrument? Above all, is it realised that unless the stronger Congregations will do more for the Fund, the day is now close at hand when the attempt to maintain a minimum ordinary ministerial stipend of £200 over the Church must be relinquished?

Your Committee have been slow to believe that the Church is prepared, after ten years' successful struggling to maintain the honourable position she occupies in this respect, to give it up. But the continued utter absence of any margin in the resources of the Fund, while every year brings the apprehension that the balance will come out on the wrong side, with new claims presenting themselves which cannot be indefinitely postponed, compels the serious apprehension that this grave disaster to the Church is at last not improbable.

Your Committee submit once more an analysis of aid provided by the

stronger Congregations and supplied to the weaker since 1878, which is as follows :

Year.	Aid supplied to Congregations.			Aid provided by Congregations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1878	6,443	7	6	5,097	10	0
1879	6,156	2	4	5,292	11	0
1880	6,018	9	2	5,798	2	11
1881	6,009	13	8	5,635	5	5
1882	5,714	11	3	6,002	12	1
1883	5,683	1	5	5,818	6	5
1884	5,464	6	0	5,586	18	8
1885	5,409	13	11	5,479	18	6
1886	5,438	18	2	5,293	14	11
1887	5,357	15	6	5,285	19	8
Since 1878—Improvement	1,122	12	0	188	9	8 Improvement
1882—Improvement	356	15	9	716	12	5 Retrogression

It will be seen that the aided Congregations still continue to improve, while the aid furnished by the others still continues rather to decline. What is wanted is a return to the liberal givings of 1882. No doubt times were better then, but the Church has since increased by nine Congregations and 5,164 members, and there are evidences of increased elasticity in her general resources. Your Committee are quite satisfied that a hearty movement over the whole Church would easily bring up the revenue to £6,000, the figure wanted.

Your Committee do not think they can ask the Synod to shut the door any longer against all future applications. They recommend that they be authorised to receive not more than two additional Congregations as aid-receiving, should the position of the Fund throughout the year seem such as to warrant them in so doing, and they earnestly trust that there will be such an immediate increase in the contributions of the stronger Congregations as shall make their way perfectly plain.

One intimation your Committee have to make which must be a source of warm satisfaction to all. A union has been effected during the Synodical year between the two Congregations at Maryport, and steps are being taken towards a second between St. James' and Lisburn Street, Alnwick. This would make four unions which have been effected since 1882. Your Committee regret that in the earlier cases the unions were not effected without loss of members. In those now reported it is happily otherwise, the Congregations going together with the utmost cordiality. There will be a slight immediate saving to the Fund at Maryport, but not at Alnwick. In the course of time, however, the Fund will obtain substantial relief in both towns.

Attention is requested to the usual Appendices attached to the Report, especially to B, C, and D, which give interesting views of the position and progress of the Fund.

A favourable opportunity having occurred for the disposal of the Caledonian Deferred Stock, and of £4,000 (nominal) of London Chatham and Dover Stock, the Muter Trustees have sold these stocks and invested the proceeds, amounting to £1,100, which will henceforth yield income. £10,000 (nominal) of the London Chatham and Dover

Stock still remains, which the Trustees propose disposing of on the first favourable opportunity.

Your Committee have to request the special attention of the Synod to another matter of some importance.

In the year 1885 a sum of £223 6s. 7d., which had accrued from an old endowment of a Presbyterian Chapel at King's Lynn, which is now extinct, was assigned to the Committee by a judgment of Justice Chitty, in order to its being expended in the county of Norfolk. No application had been made to the Court in behalf of the Presbyterian Church, and therefore it is the more interesting to know the grounds on which the Judge proceeded. The Secretary of the Congregational Union of London claimed the money for that Body, and the following letter, addressed to him by the Solicitors to the Treasury, explains the order of the Court of Law.

19 Surrey Street, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C. :
January 31, 1885.

Matheson v. Hardwick.

DEAR SIR, *"Presbyterian Chapel at Broad Street, Lynn."*

Referring to our recent correspondence in this case, Mr. Justice Chitty yesterday made an order for payment of the fund in Court to the Presbyterian Church of England, to be applied for the benefit of Ministers of that denomination in the county of Norfolk. We should inform you that the original objects named in the testator's will having ceased to exist, the Court has to apply the fund, in its discretion, as nearly as may be in accordance with the testator's expressed intentions. The statement you forwarded to us was read to the Judge, who came to a decision after considering the facts therein stated. He was of opinion that the Trustees of the Broad Street Chapel were not acting in accordance with their trust in conveying the Chapel to the new trustees by the deed of Nov. 26, 1805, and this being so the legacies given by the testator could not belong to the Independent Chapel. On the other hand, the existing Presbyterian Church of England can trace connection with the old English Presbyterians, because certain of the latter were embodied in the Presbyterian Church in England on its foundation in 1836; and further, the 'Presbyterian Board,' which existed in London in connection with the English Presbyterians in the last century, is still in existence, and most of the present members of it are members of the Presbyterian Church of England.

We return the copy of the deed of Nov. 26, 1805, which you were good enough to lend us, and for the loan of which we are much obliged.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) HARE & Co.

The Rev. ANDREW MEARNS,
Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street.

The issue of the Judge's order was afterwards suspended on a representation made in behalf of Mr. Mearns, apparently in anticipation that the issue of the suit in the Tooting case would determine the question of ecclesiastical succession. But now that Justice Kekewich has given judgment in the Tooting case, and left the historical problem just where it was before, the Solicitors to the Treasury have inquired as to the course to be followed in the case of King's Lynn; and the Committee

have considered it their duty to make application, through Mr. A. F. Douglas, to the Court, that the order made three years ago may be issued, and the money paid to the Sustentation Fund.

II.—AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

As a Special Committee has been sitting on this Fund, it seems unnecessary to do more than report that the capital had been raised at the close of the year to £7,515 8s. 8*d.*, as appears in the accounts, and your Committee hope that it will be further substantially increased prior to the meeting of Synod.

An application has been submitted from the Presbytery of Northumberland on behalf of the Rev. D. S. Fergus, of Thropton, who now proposes to retire from the active service of the Church, after a thirty-eight years' ministry. A medical certificate was also submitted, testifying to the enfeebled state of Mr. Fergus's health. It was agreed to recommend to the Synod that Mr. Fergus be placed on the Fund for the existing *maximum* annuity of £45.

Your Committee have pleasure in suggesting that the *maximum* annuity be increased for the future to £50.

III.—WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The time having come round for the triennial inquiry into the position of this Fund, the data are in process of preparation for Mr. T. Y. Strachan, who has once more kindly undertaken the work, and your Committee hope to present his report at next Synod.

The membership of the Fund has now reached 331, against 319 last year. There are now 37 widows and 64 orphans, annuitants on the Fund, against 30 widows and 55 orphans reported to last Synod. The capital has reached £35,839 2s. 11*d.*, and the annual revenue £1,486 8s. 8*d.* The usual table is submitted, showing the progress of the Fund since 1878.

Year	Members	Annuitants			Capital	Revenue from Investments		
		Widows	Orphans	Total				
1878-9	227	10	13	23	£ 14,700	£	s.	d.
1879-80	231	10	11	21	16,618	680	0	0
1880-1	247	12	20	32	18,923	745	0	0
1881-2	272	14	20	34	20,714	759	0	0
1882-3	290	17	24	41	24,006	855	8	9
1883-4	297	19	26	45	26,102	938	13	11
1884-5	311	20	29	49	28,740	1,100	5	11
1885-6	312	26	49	75	31,349	1,153	15	6
1886-7	319	30	55	85	33,356	1,263	4	9
1887-8	331	37	64	101	35,839	1,374	6	4
						1,486	8	8

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

DONALD FRASER, }
DAVID MAC EWAN, } *Joint Conveners.*

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church'—Sustentation Fund, p. 884; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, p. 886; Widows and Orphans' Fund, p. 887.]

APPENDIX A.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.	
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£	s. d.
Berwick Presbytery.							
1	Ancroft Moor	120	10	8	£ 6 8 6	£ 73 11 6	
2	Beaumont Union	290	a ...	...	12 15 7	122 4 5
3	Belford	217	a ...	...	8 4 4	103 15 8
4	Berwick, Bank Hill	265	20	8	17 0 0	183 0 0	
5	„ Wallace Green	822	92	11	55 13 0	...	
6	Chatton... ..	258	90	35	19 15 9	140 4 3	
7	Crookham	180	8	4	2 7 3	87 13 2	
8	Etal	214	50	23	15 0 0	105 0 0	
9	Horncliffe	211	28	13	7 2 2	97 17 10	
10	Lowick	149	p ...	...	23 10 0	81 10 0
11	Norham, North	195	p ...	...	20 0 4	87 19 8
12	„ South	146	a ...	...	9 19 3	95 0 9
13	Tweedmouth	202	175	87	10 0 0	100 0 0	
		3269	473	21	207 16 2	1277 17 3	
Birmingham Presbytery.							
14	Birmingham, Broad Street	92	41	45	32 0 0	170 10 0	
15	„ Camp Hill	140	75	54	43 11 2	156 8 10	
16	„ New John Street	81	b 44	54	49 6 11	80 13 1	
17	„ Smethwick	87	31	36	15 14 11	64 16 7	
18	Derby	86	30	35	39 6 0	120 14 0	
19	Dudley	30	10	33	7 15 6	72 4 6	
20	Hanley	119	16	13	8 5 6	142 14 6	
21	Leicester	120	84	70	27 0 0	107 0 0	
22	Nottingham	233	58	25	100 0 0	115 0 0	
23	Shrewsbury	63	20	32	25 12 6	69 7 6	
24	Stafford	104	18	17	11 0 0	153 1 4	
25	Wolverhampton	190	37	19	36 5 6	121 4 6	
26	Worcester	104	34	33	15 15 4	109 14 8	
		1449	498	34	411 13 4	1483 9 6	
Bristol Presbytery.							
27	Aberdare	78	54	69	38 2 6	86 17 6	
28	Bristol	260	a ...	...	14 0 0	...
29	Cardiff	329	140	43	119 0 0	131 0 0	
30	Cheltenham	160	35	22	28 8 6	196 11 6	
31	Gloucester	200	156	78	58 14 6	151 5 6	
32	Plymouth	173	38	22	27 0 0	183 0 0	
33	Swansea	173	92	53	83 0 0	122 0 0	
34	Swindon	114	76	67	31 4 0	101 6 0	
35	Torquay	140	82	59	20 0 0	200 0 0	
		1627	673	49	419 9 6	1172 0 6	

(a) Collections.

(b) Exclusive of Sabbath School, which also contributes.

(p) Box at Church door.

STATEMENT, 1887.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.			From Howley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.			
Total Amount.		Rate per Member.										
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
80	0	0	0	13	4	14	...	...	155	0	0	
135	0	0	0	9	3	14	...	...	200	0	0	2
112	0	0	0	9	7	...	...	...	182	0	0	3
200	0	0	0	15	1	...	...	...	200	0	0	4
55	13	0	0	6	3	...	200	...	500	0	0	5
160	0	0	0	12	5	...	...	300 0 0	200	0	0	6
90	0	5	0	10	0	14	...	...	155	0	0	7
120	0	0	0	9	10	10	...	...	200	0	0	8
105	0	0	0	9	11	14	...	...	200	0	0	9
105	0	0	0	14	1	14	...	...	185	0	0	10
108	0	0	0	11	1	12	...	...	200	0	0	11
105	0	0	0	14	5	12	...	...	200	0	0	12
110	0	0	0	10	11	12	...	...	200	0	0	13
1485	13	5	0	10	4	116	200	...	2477	0	0	
202	10	0	2	4	0	...	...	...	200	0	0	14
200	0	0	1	8	7	...	...	...	200	0	0	15
130	0	0	1	12	1	...	...	...	200	0	0	16
80	11	6	0	18	6	...	...	...	155	0	0	17
* 160	0	0	1	17	3	...	...	...	160	0	0	18
80	0	0	2	13	4	...	...	...	123	15	0	19
151	0	0	1	5	4	...	...	...	200	0	0	20
134	0	0	1	2	4	...	...	...	200	0	0	21
215	0	0	0	18	0	...	...	150 0 0	350	0	0	22
95	0	0	1	10	2	...	...	...	155	0	0	23
164	1	4	1	10	1	...	...	...	156	15	5	24
157	10	0	0	16	7	...	50	100 0 0	300	0	0	25
125	10	0	1	4	2	...	...	...	200	0	0	26
1895	2	10	1	6	1	...	50	...	2600	10	5	
125	0	0	1	12	1	...	...	...	200	0	0	27
14	0	0	0	16	6	...	200	200 0 0	400	0	0	28
250	0	0	0	15	2	...	...	200 0 0	400	0	0	29
225	0	0	1	8	2	...	...	150 0 0	350	0	0	30
210	0	0	1	1	0	...	...	50 0 0	250	0	0	31
210	0	0	1	4	3	...	...	200 0 0	400	0	0	32
205	0	0	1	3	8	...	...	100 0 0	300	0	0	33
132	10	0	1	3	3	67 10 0	...	...	200	0	0	34
220	0	0	1	11	5	...	...	150 0 0	350	0	0	35
1591	10	0	1	2	0	67 10 0	200	...	2850	0	0	
1859	0	0	1800	0	0	0	1050	0	0	0	0	

(*) £40 received and paid in 1888 on account of 1887.

(g) Home Mission grant.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
	Carlisle Presbytery.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
36	Bewcastle	59	20	34	62 4 0	37 16 0
37	Brampton	58	16	28	8 7 9	62 2 3
38	Carlisle, Fisher Street...	415	n ...	...	62 11 8	200 0 0
39	„ Warwick Road ...	301	d ...	...	...	210 0 0
40	Cleator Moor	100	40	40	22 0 0	138 0 0
41	Haltwhistle	31	5	16	6 7 0	8 10 3
42	Harrington	155	35	23	38 3 7	161 16 5
43	Maryport, Crosby Street	130	79	60	30 17 10	109 2 2
44	„ John Street	104	77	74	29 8 7	85 2 10
45	Penrith	108	42	39	27 1 6	127 18 6
46	Silloth	81	25	31	33 12 1	46 7 11
47	Whitehaven, High Street	103	63	61	27 18 0	92 2 0
48	„ Market Place	195	14	7	12 10 3	197 9 9
49	Workington	164	55	34	34 14 9	177 13 10
		2004	441	34	395 17 0	1654 1 11
	Darlington Presbytery.					
50	Bishop Auckland	84	38	45	144 2 3	25 17 9
51	Crook	109	78	72	56 9 6	57 5 6
52	Darlington	156	96	62	59 18 11	141 1 10
53	Grimsby	163	61	37	24 10 3	130 9 9
54	Harrogate	60	16	27	16 0 0	79 1 0
55	Hartlepool	152	42	28	49 14 6	105 5 6
56	Hull, Holderness Road ...	214	45	21	30 17 4	119 2 8
57	„ Prospect Street	617	617	100	44 12 0	200 0 0
58	„ Springbank	121	70	53	83 18 0	41 2 0
59	Middlesborough, Newport Road	122	71	58	42 6 3	124 7 1
60	„ Trinity	163	125	74	54 13 9	145 6 3
61	Mount Pleasant	115	36	31	26 15 0	103 5 0
62	Redcar	85	34	40	38 3 6	132 16 6
63	Stockton, St. Andrew's ...	236	51	22	114 14 10	95 5 2
64	„ St. George's	135	51	38	30 18 2	169 1 10
65	Tow Law	78	78	100	34 9 9	45 10 3
66	West Hartlepool	207	72	35	35 18 9	184 1 3
67	Whitby	80	35	44	17 0 3	62 19 9
		2902	1616	56	905 3 0	1961 19 1
	Liverpool Presbytery.					
68	Birkenhead, Egremont ...	* 554	61	11	60 0 0	201 13 6
69	„ Grange Road	† 542	26	5	75 15 0	...
70	„ Hamilton... ..	161	40	25	44 0 0	158 10 0
71	„ Rockferry	248	58	23	107 0 0	100 10 0
72	„ St. Andrew's	† 430	90	21	107 0 0	118 0 0
73	„ St. Paul's	220	k ...	...	...	200 0 0
74	„ Trinity, Cloughton	§ 433	119	27	226 0 0	200 0 0
75	Bootle, Trinity... ..	605	j ...	...	10 18 0	...
76	Chester, Chester	81	22	27	14 13 0	85 7 0
77	„ Parkgate	75	40	53	164 10 6	40 9 6
	Carried forward	3349	456	...	809 16 6	1104 10 0

(*) 220 belonging to Congregational Mission.

(†) 72

(‡) 60

(§) 95

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(n) Quarterly Collections.

(d) Weekly Offering system.

(k) No special Organisation.

(j) Envelope system.

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Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Congregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No.
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
100 0 0	1 14 0	12	...	112 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	36
70 10 0	1 4 4	10	...	80 10 0	135 10 0	...	135 10 0	37
262 11 8	0 12 8	...	...	262 11 8	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	38
210 0 0	0 13 11	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	40 0 0	240 0 0	39
160 0 0	1 12 0	14	...	174 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	40
14 17 3	0 9 7	...	...	14 17 3	29 4 5	...	29 4 5	41
200 0 0	1 6 8	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	12 0 0	212 0 0	42
140 0 0	1 1 6	...	...	140 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	43
114 11 5	1 2 0	...	...	114 11 5	141 2 3	...	141 2 3	44
155 0 0	1 8 8	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	45
80 0 0	0 19 9	75	...	155 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	46
120 0 0	1 3 4	12	...	132 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	47
210 0 0	1 1 6	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	30 0 0	230 0 0	48
212 8 7	1 5 11	...	...	212 8 7	200 0 0	12 0 0	212 0 0	49
2049 18 11	1 0 6	123	...	2172 18 11	2415 16 8	244 0 0	2659 16 8	
170 0 0	2 0 6	...	...	170 0 0	132 10 0	...	132 10 0	50
113 15 0	1 0 10	12	...	125 15 0	183 1 3	...	183 1 3	51
201 0 9	1 5 9	...	...	201 0 9	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	52
155 0 0	0 19 0	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	53
95 1 0	1 11 8	...	...	95 1 0	95 1 0	...	95 1 0	54
155 0 0	1 0 5	12	...	167 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	55
150 0 0	0 14 0	...	...	150 0 0	174 5 4	...	174 5 4	56
244 12 0	0 7 11	...	...	244 12 0	200 0 0	308 18 4	508 18 4	57
125 0 0	1 0 8	16	...	141 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	58
166 13 4	1 7 4	12	...	178 13 4	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	59
200 0 0	1 3 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	60
130 0 0	1 2 7	12	...	142 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	61
171 0 0	2 0 3	...	...	171 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	62
210 0 0	0 18 0	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	63
200 0 0	1 9 8	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	64
80 0 0	1 0 6	12	...	92 0 0	140 8 9	...	140 8 9	65
220 0 0	1 1 3	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	66
80 0 0	1 0 0	12	...	92 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	67
2867 2 1	0 19 9	88	...	2955 2 1	3280 6 4	358 18 4	3639 4 8	
261 13 6	0 9 5	...	...	261 13 6	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	68
75 15 0	0 10 2	...	200	275 15 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	69
202 10 0	1 5 1	...	...	202 10 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0	70
207 10 0	0 16 10	...	...	207 10 0	200 0 0	205 0 0	405 0 0	71
225 0 0	0 10 6	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	72
200 0 0	0 18 2	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	126 0 0	326 0 0	73
426 0 0	1 5 2	...	...	426 0 0	200 0 0	500 0 0	700 0 0	74
10 18 0	0 7 0	...	200	210 18 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	75
100 0 0	1 4 8	30	...	130 0 0	180 0 0	...	180 0 0	76
205 0 0	2 14 8	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	77
1914 6 6	...	30	400	2344 6 6	1980 0 0	2236 0 0	4216 0 0	

(g) Home Mission Grant.

(h) Inclusive of £4 from Hewson Charity.

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			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	LIVERPOOL PRESBYTERY—continued.						
	Brought forward—	3349	456	...	£ 809 16 6	£ 1104 10 0	
78	Chester, Sutton	78	58	74	48 0 0	72 0 0	
79	Isle of Man, Douglas	172	115	67	44 12 3	155 7 9	
80	„ Ramsey	73	12	16	22 11 0	97 9 0	
81	Liverpool, Canning Street ...	† 588	157	27	265 9 4	...	
82	„ Everton Valley	557	60	11	23 12 5	200 0 0	
83	„ Fairfield	353	45	13	164 0 0	96 0 0	
84	„ Islington	479	187	39	80 0 0	170 0 0	
85	„ Mount Pleasant	314	30	10	62 0 0	...	
86	„ Prince's Road	374	120	32	66 0 0	134 0 0	
87	„ Queen's Road	277	45	16	48 19 0	158 11 0	
88	„ St. George's	503	73	15	99 0 0	116 0 0	
89	„ St. Peter's	349	70	20	44 0 0	156 0 0	
90	„ Sefton Park	709	143	20	530 14 3	...	
91	„ Shaw Street	171	78	46	46 4 0	153 16 0	
92	„ Trinity	194	60	31	178 0 0	69 18 3	
93	„ Union	420	336	80	189 7 9	10 12 3	
94	„ Vauxhall Road	107	40	37	34 4 8	84 16 4	
95	„ Waterloo	239	46	19	73 0 0	147 0 0	
96	St. Helens	150	58	39	51 14 0	153 6 0	
97	Southport	156	105	67	91 10 6	113 9 6	
		9612	2294	26	2972 15 8	3192 16 1	
	London Presbytery.						
98	Aldershot	114	d ...	...	121 16 3	6 0 8	
99	Aston Tyrold	50	31	62	44 6 0	35 14 0	
100	Bournemouth	165	160	100	156 7 9	73 12 3	
101	Brighton, Queen's Road ...	186	80	43	54 0 0	196 0 0	
102	„ Trinity	120	a ...	...	220 0 0	...	
103	Canterbury	65	27	41	9 3 6	27 12 10	
104	Chatham	94	50	53	14 8 3	130 14 11	
105	Croydon	149	72	48	220 0 0	...	
106	Darenth	18	k ...	...	...	100 0 0	
107	Eastbourne	248	k ...	...	...	220 0 0	
108	Edenbridge	34	1	3	136 9 7	19 14 3	
109	Gravesend	62	14	23	27 0 0	140 12 10	
110	Guernsey	44	12	27	38 0 0	80 12 7	
111	Holybourne	30	11	37	115 16 0	17 17 0	
112	Ipswich	192	80	42	82 18 0	127 2 0	
113	Jersey	303	116	33	69 1 9	150 18 3	
114	Lewes	61	39	64	26 17 3	128 2 9	
115	London, Belgrave	220	85	39	161 1 0	50 19 0	
116	„ Blackheath	101	k ...	...	5 0 0	...	
117	„ Brockley	344	178	52	195 0 1	9 19 11	
118	„ Camberwell	437	86	20	92 0 0	128 0 0	
119	„ Camden Road	455	211	46	233 0 0	...	
120	„ Canonbury	145	77	53	59 10 4	90 9 8	
121	„ Clapham Road	885	245	28	600 0 0	...	
122	„ Clapton	115	26	23	41 16 0	163 4 0	
123	„ Crouch Hill	282	125	44	77 18 3	...	
	Carried forward	4919	1726	...	2801 10 0	1897 6 11	

(†) 78 belonging to Congregational Mission.

(a) Collections.

(d) Weekly Offering system.

(k) No special organisation.

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Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1914 6 6	...	30	400	2344 6 6	1980 0 0	2236 0 0	4216 0 0	
120 0 0	1 10 9	...	...	120 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0	78
200 0 0	1 3 3	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	79
120 0 0	1 12 11	...	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	80
265 9 4	0 9 0	...	...	265 9 4	200 0 0	522 0 0	722 0 0	81
223 12 5	0 8 0	...	...	223 12 5	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	82
260 0 0	0 14 9	...	...	260 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	83
250 0 0	0 10 5	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	84
62 0 0	0 16 9	...	200	262 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	85
200 0 0	0 10 8	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	86
207 10 0	0 15 0	...	...	207 10 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	87
215 0 0	0 4 7	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	88
200 0 0	0 11 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	89
530 14 3	0 15 0	...	...	530 14 3	200 0 0	800 0 0	1000 0 0	90
200 0 0	1 3 5	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	91
247 18 3	1 5 7	...	...	247 18 3	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	92
200 0 0	0 9 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	93
119 1 0	1 2 3	...	...	119 1 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	94
220 0 0	0 18 4	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	95
205 0 0	1 7 4	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	35 0 0	235 0 0	96
205 0 0	1 6 3	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	97
6165 11 9	0 14 1	30	600	6795 11 9	5930 0 0	6443 0 0	12373 0 0	
127 16 11	1 2 5	...	...	127 16 11	149 17 8	...	149 17 8	98
80 0 0	1 12 0	...	...	80 0 0	142 14 2	...	142 14 2	99
230 0 0	1 7 11	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	100
250 0 0	1 6 11	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	101
220 0 0	1 16 8	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	102
36 16 4	0 11 4	163. 3. 8	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	42 14 11	242 14 11	103
145 3 2	1 10 11	...	...	145 3 2	139 11 3	...	139 11 3	104
220 0 0	1 9 6	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	105
100 0 0	5 11 1	10	...	110 0 0	110 0 0	...	110 0 0	106
220 0 0	0 17 9	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	500 0 0	700 0 0	107
156 3 10	4 11 11	...	...	156 3 10	152 8 10	...	152 8 10	108
167 12 10	2 14 1	...	...	167 12 10	167 12 10	...	167 12 10	109
118 12 7	2 13 11	...	...	118 12 7	197 18 10	...	197 18 10	110
133 13 0	4 9 1	...	...	133 13 0	144 2 5	...	144 2 5	111
210 0 0	1 1 11	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	112
220 0 0	0 14 6	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	170 17 6	370 17 6	113
155 0 0	2 10 10	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	114
212 0 0	0 19 4	...	...	212 0 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	115
5 0 0	2 0 7	...	200	205 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	116
205 0 0	0 11 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	117
220 0 0	0 10 1	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	118
233 0 0	0 10 3	...	...	233 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	119
150 0 0	1 0 8	...	...	150 0 0	150 0 0	50 0 0	200 0 0	120
600 0 0	0 13 7	...	...	600 0 0	200 0 0	800 0 0	1000 0 0	121
205 0 0	1 15 8	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	122
77 18 3	0 19 8	...	200	277 18 3	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	123
4698 16 11	...	173 3 8	400	5272 0 7	4754 6 0	4813 12 5	8567 18 5	

(A) Paid by Congregation.

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			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.			
	LONDON PRESBYTERY— <i>continued.</i>				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward—	4919	1726	...	2801 10 0	1895 6 11	
124	London, Ealing... ..	98	29	30	114 4 2	95 15 10	
125	East India Dock Road	120	55	46	28 14 1	151 5 11	
126	" Forest Hill	237	103	43	231 11 1	...	
127	" Greenwich	265	j ...	...	139 0 0	66 5 0	
128	" Hammersmith	202	62	31	38 10 6	171 9 6	
129	" Hampstead	212	51	24	213 13 6	61 6 6	
130	" Highbury	635	127	20	151 8 3	...	
131	" Islington	522	110	21	113 6 11	163 16 0	
132	" Kensington	248	106	43	315 1 9	...	
133	" Kingston-on-Thames ...	126	40	32	51 0 6	148 19 6	
134	" Marylebone	* 900	210	23	583 7 8	...	
135	" Millwall	63	k ...	...	...	55 19 10	
136	" New Barnet	79	k ...	...	...	205 0 0	
137	" Notting Hill	330	116	35	256 0 0	4 0 0	
138	" Oxendon	240	71	30	57 0 0	143 0 0	
139	" Putney	72	k ...	...	...	5 0 0	
140	" Regent Square	843	225	27	735 15 4	...	
141	" Richmond	122	58	48	108 0 0	92 0 0	
142	" St. John's Wood	917	170	19	502 0 0	5 18 6	
143	" Silvertown	134	113	84	40 16 6	99 3 6	
144	" Somers Town	917	40	4	25 19 9	174 0 3	
145	" South Kensington ...	205	47	23	135 0 0	65 0 0	
146	" Southwark	117	93	79	34 18 9	95 1 3	
147	" Stepney	147	64	44	40 9 6	164 10 6	
148	" Stoke Newington ...	175	8	5	3 0 0	197 0 0	
149	" Stratford	251	65	26	32 19 6	117 0 6	
150	" Streatham	201	43	21	165 16 3	44 3 9	
151	" Tooting	57	20	35	10 0 0	90 0 0	
152	" Tottenham	177	129	73	162 0 0	63 0 0	
153	" Upper Norwood	246	42	17	250 0 0	...	
154	" Victoria Docks	134	68	51	40 7 6	64 12 6	
155	" Wandsworth	231	67	29	113 9 4	91 10 8	
156	" Westbourne Grove ...	228	e ...	...	...	65 0 0	
157	" Willesden	291	35	12	151 0 0	79 0 0	
158	" Wimbledon	93	k ...	...	...	127 10 6	
159	" Wood Green	267	100	37	110 0 0	95 0 0	
160	" Woolwich, New Road	236	110	46	72 0 0	148 0 0	
161	" " St. Andrew's	252	75	30	87 6 9	132 13 3	
162	Norwich	258	97	38	73 0 0	132 0 0	
163	Portsmouth	133	k ...	...	...	200 0 0	
164	St. Leonards, Silverhill	88	40	45	67 9 11	77 10 1	
165	" Warrior Sq.	173	59	34	38 4 8	...	
166	Southampton, St. Andrew's	223	46	21	45 0 0	165 0 0	
167	" Totten	48	48	100	22 10 0	87 10 0	
168	" Woolston	53	8	15	22 10 0	60 0 0	
169	Wallington	105	45	43	43 0 0	157 0 0	
		16595	4721	31	8227 2 2	6058 10 3	

(j) Envelope system. (*) 81 belonging to Congregational Mission. (k) No special organisation. (e) No return.

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Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
4698 16 11	...	173 3 8	400	5272 0 7	4754 6 0	4813 12 5	8567 18 5	
210 0 0	2 2 10	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	124
180 0 0	1 10 0	...	...	180 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	125
231 11 1	0 19 6	...	...	231 11 1	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	126
205 5 0	0 15 6	...	...	205 5 0	200 0 0	305 0 0	505 0 0	127
210 0 0	1 0 10	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	128
275 0 0	1 5 11	...	...	275 0 0	200 0 0	500 0 0	700 0 0	129
151 8 3	0 11 1	...	200	351 8 3	200 0 0	800 0 0	1000 0 0	130
277 2 11	0 10 8	...	...	277 2 11	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	131
315 1 9	1 4 3	...	...	315 1 9	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	132
200 0 0	1 11 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	30 0 0	230 0 0	133
583 7 8	0 13 0	...	...	583 7 8	200 0 0	850 0 0	1050 0 0	134
55 19 10	0 17 9	...	...	55 19 10	100 0 0	...	100 0 0	135
205 0 0	2 11 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	82 0 0	282 0 0	136
260 0 0	0 15 9	...	...	260 0 0	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	137
200 0 0	1 6 8	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	138
5 0 0	2 16 11	...	200	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	139
735 15 4	0 17 5	...	...	735 15 4	200 0 0	1000 0 0	1200 0 0	140
200 0 0	1 12 9	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	141
507 18 6	0 15 5	...	200	707 18 6	200 0 0	1000 0 0	1200 0 0	142
140 0 0	1 0 11	g 60 0 0	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	143
200 0 0	0 4 4	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	144
200 0 0	0 19 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	145
130 0 0	1 2 3	...	...	130 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	146
205 0 0	1 7 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	147
200 0 0	1 2 10	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	150 9 0	350 0 0	148
150 0 0	0 12 9	...	...	150 0 0	150 0 0	50 0 0	200 0 0	149
210 0 0	1 0 11	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	150
100 0 0	1 15 1	...	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	...	100 0 0	151
225 0 0	1 5 5	...	...	225 0 0	200 0 0	120 0 0	320 0 0	152
250 0 0	1 0 4	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	153
105 0 0	0 15 8	...	...	105 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	154
205 0 0	0 9 1	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	155
65 0 0	1 3 3	...	200	265 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	156
230 0 0	0 15 10	...	...	230 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	157
127 10 6	1 7 5	...	...	f127 10 6	f122 10 6	...	f122 10 6	158
205 0 0	0 15 4	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	130 0 0	330 0 0	159
220 0 0	0 18 8	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	230 0 0	430 0 0	160
220 0 0	0 17 6	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	161
205 0 0	0 15 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	162
200 0 0	1 8 11	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	163
145 0 0	1 12 11	...	...	145 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	164
38 4 8	1 3 1	h161 15 4	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	165
210 0 0	0 18 10	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	166
110 0 0	2 1 8	...	...	110 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0	167
82 10 0	1 11 2	g75 0 0	...	157 10 0	157 10 0	...	157 10 0	168
200 0 0	1 18 1	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	169
14285 12 5	0 18 8	469 19 0	1200	15955 11 5	13494 6 6	14860 12 5	28354 18 11	

(g) Home Mission Grant.

(h) Paid by Congregation.

(f) For portion of year.

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No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
Manchester Presbytery.						
170	Blackburn, Mount Street ...	51	20	39	£ 8 3 7	£ 111 16 5
171	Bolton	280	80	29	45 0 0	165 0 0
172	Bradford	286	95	33	139 0 0	76 0 0
173	Crewe	124	45	36	46 4 2	84 15 10
174	Leeds, Cavendish Road ...	246	114	46	77 0 0	123 10 0
175	„ St. Columba	150	119	79	45 16 4	69 3 8
176	Manchester, Ancoats ...	256	140	55	31 13 6	68 6 6
177	„ Bowdon	119	20	17	15 16 0	...
178	„ Brunswick Street ...	366	42	11	19 10 6	200 0 0
179	„ Eccles	80	16	20	14 13 6	75 6 6
180	„ Grosvenor Square ...	306	32	10	252 16 0	...
181	„ Higher Broughton ...	131	a ...	...	...	12 17 11
182	„ Longsight	180	69	39	41 1 3	168 18 9
183	„ Pendleton	203	a ...	...	...	200 0 0
184	„ St. Andrew's	236	55	23	38 0 0	172 0 0
185	„ Sale	220	50	23	162 0 0	58 0 0
186	„ Salford	192	110	57	53 17 0	146 3 0
187	„ Trinity	205	70	32	37 0 0	185 13 6
188	„ Whalley Range ...	312	a ...	...	24 1 9	...
189	„ Withington	255	41	16	76 2 6	...
190	Ramsbottom	110	a ...	...	26 8 4	123 11 8
191	Rochdale	122	k ...	...	...	200 0 0
192	Sheffield	255	122	48	75 0 0	135 0 0
193	Warrington	87	31	36	41 8 0	68 12 0
194	Wharton	82	58	71	14 17 10	100 2 2
195	Wigan	175	56	32	53 7 5	62 17 7
		5029	1385	33	1338 18 8	2607 15 6
Newcastle Presbytery.						
196	Bellingham	138	e ...	...	46 11 4	103 8 8
197	Blackhill	185	70	38	17 0 0	...
198	Blyth, Bridge Street ...	40	20	50	9 9 8	35 10 4
199	„ Waterloo Road ...	257	k ...	...	3 3 0	...
200	Durham... ..	142	70	49	29 7 2	170 12 10
201	Falstone	163	180	110	33 0 0	97 0 0
202	Forest Hall	53	50	94	12 14 2	67 5 10
203	Gateshead, Durham Road ...	387	j ...	...	2 16 0	...
204	„ Ellison Street ...	315	61	19	19 11 5	180 8 7
205	Hebburn	264	112	42	35 5 5	137 14 7
206	Hexham	216	98	45	16 0 0	200 0 0
207	Houghton-le-Spring ...	127	127	100	7 17 0	122 3 0
208	Jarrow, Ellison Street ...	516	a ...	...	2 7 8	...
209	„ St. Kilda's	141	53	38	29 1 6	73 3 6
210	Newcastle, Barras Bridge ...	535	180	...	46 7 11	...
211	„ Blackett Street ...	585	85	15	57 10 0	2 10 0
212	„ Heaton	121	60	49	18 3 9	106 16 3
213	„ John Knox	529	76	14	45 0 0	200 0 0
214	„ St. George's	304	e ...	...	4 2 0	...
215	„ Trinity	927	137	15	76 7 9	201 17 6
	Carried forward	5945	1379	...	511 15 9	1698 11 1

(a) Collections.

(e) No return.

(j) Envelope system.

(k) No special organisation.

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Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£		£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
120 0 0	2 7 1	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	170
210 0 0	0 15 0	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	171
215 0 0	0 15 0	...	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	172
131 0 0	1 1 2	...	...	...	131 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	173
200 10 0	0 16 0	...	...	...	200 10 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	174
115 0 0	0 15 4	20	...	...	135 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	175
100 0 0	0 7 10	...	...	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	135 0 0	235 0 0	176
15 16 0	1 16 3	...	...	200	215 16 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	177
219 10 6	0 12 0	...	...	...	219 10 6	200 0 0	225 0 0	425 0 0	178
90 0 0	1 2 6	...	...	...	90 0 0	140 0 0	...	140 0 0	179
252 16 0	0 16 6	...	...	...	252 16 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	180
12 17 11	1 12 6	...	200	...	212 17 11	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	181
210 0 0	1 3 4	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	182
200 0 0	0 19 8	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	183
210 0 0	0 17 10	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	220 0 0	420 0 0	184
220 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	220 0 0	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	185
200 0 0	1 0 10	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	186
222 13 6	1 1 8	...	...	...	222 13 6	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	187
24 1 9	0 14 4	...	200	...	224 1 9	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	188
76 3 6	1 1 8	...	200	...	276 3 6	200 0 0	305 0 0	505 0 0	189
150 0 0	1 7 3	...	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	190
200 0 0	1 12 9	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	191
210 0 0	0 16 6	...	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	85 0 0	285 0 0	192
110 0 0	1 5 4	...	...	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	193
115 0 0	1 8 1	12	...	...	127 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	194
116 5 0	0 13 3	14	...	...	130 5 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	195
3946 14 2	0 18 11	46	...	800	4792 14 2	5040 0 0	2870 0 0	7910 0 0	
150 0 0	1 1 9	...	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	196
17 0 0	1 2 6	...	200	...	217 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	197
45 0 0	...	...	...	...	45 0 0	80 0 0	...	80 0 0	198
3 3 0	0 16 2	...	200	...	203 3 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0	199
200 0 0	1 8 2	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	200
130 0 0	0 16 0	...	...	...	130 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	201
80 0 0	1 10 2	12	...	...	92 0 0	150 14 0	...	150 14 0	202
2 16 0	0 10 6	...	200	...	202 16 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	203
200 0 0	0 12 8	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	204
173 0 0	0 13 1	...	...	...	173 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	205
216 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	216 0 0	200 0 0	30 0 0	230 0 0	206
130 0 0	1 0 6	...	...	...	130 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0	207
2 7 8	0 7 10	...	200	...	202 7 8	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	208
102 5 0	0 14 3	12	...	...	114 5 0	165 17 6	...	165 17 6	209
46 7 11	...	...	200	...	246 7 11	200 0 0	560 0 0	760 0 0	210
60 0 0	0 8 11	...	200	...	260 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	211
125 0 0	1 0 8	12	...	...	137 0 0	180 0 0	...	180 0 0	212
245 0 0	0 9 3	...	...	...	245 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	213
4 2 0	...	...	200	...	204 2 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	214
278 5 3	0 6 0	278 5 3	200 0 0	600 0 0	800 0 0	215
2210 6 10	...	36	...	1400	3646 6 10	3776 11 6	1995 0 0	5771 11 6	

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	NEWCASTLE PRESBYTERY—cont.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward—	5945	1379	...	511 15 9	1698 11 1
216	Newcastle, Westmoreland Rd.	586	67	11	37 13 0	...
217	North Shields, Howard Street	325	120	37	36 0 0	179 0 0
218	„ Northumberland Square ...	334	44	13	32 7 4	...
219	Seaham	102	35	34	10 12 2	136 1 2
220	Seaton Burn	88	j ...	...	3 3 11	76 16 1
221	Seaton Delaval	107	30	28	27 12 0	97 8 0
222	South Shields, Laygate ...	371	110	29	30 0 0	...
223	„ St. Paul's	295	20	7	5 0 0	...
224	Stamfordham	77	77	100	53 13 0	48 7 0
225	Sunderland, North Bridge Street	171	41	24	48 10 5	156 9 7
226	„ St. George's	662	116	17	64 5 1	185 14 11
227	„ St. Stephen's	128	57	45	21 0 8	133 19 4
228	„ Smyrna	220	k ...	...	...	200 0 0
229	„ Trinity	382	45	12	20 0 0	...
230	Swalwell	50	16	32	9 19 1	76 0 11
231	Walker	185	9	5	1 16 0	153 4 0
232	Wark	121	10	8	3 4 4	92 18 2
233	Willington Quay	116	60	52	20 2 11	179 17 1
		10265	2236	27	936 15 8	3414 7 4
	Northumberland Presbytery.					
234	Alnwick, Lisburn Street ...	120	24	20	15 0 0	140 0 0
235	„ St. James's	392	75	19	21 8 0	183 12 0
236	Bavington	96	52	54	24 5 0	80 15 0
237	Bedlington	107	25	23	18 6 4	57 13 8
238	Birdhopecraig	108	116	107	35 18 1	84 1 11
239	Branton	230	30	13	6 0 6	153 19 6
240	Embleton	209	n ...	...	13 9 0	116 11 0
241	Felton	137	54	39	7 16 5	102 3 7
242	Glanton	232	n ...	...	20 0 0	145 0 0
243	Harbottle	221	100	45	11 0 0	114 0 0
244	Longframlington	53	25	47	22 10 8	38 9 4
245	Morpeth	313	80	26	38 0 0	172 0 0
246	Newbiggin	100	60	60	6 6 3	103 13 9
247	North Middleton	95	50	53	23 11 10	76 8 2
248	North Sunderland	229	n ...	...	6 4 8	143 15 4
249	Otterburn	104	55	53	24 14 0	96 6 0
250	Thropton	129	25	19	17 5 6	88 14 6
251	Warenford	173	32	18	6 15 11	108 6 7
252	Warkworth	203	40	20	21 17 2	103 2 10
253	Widdrington	120	25	21	32 0 0	78 0 0
254	Wooler, Cheviot Street ...	332	n ...	...	...	200 0 0
256	„ Tower Hill	135	32	24	4 18 2	95 1 10
257	„ West Chapel	245	70	28	34 19 0	137 1 0
		4083	802	34	412 6 6	2618 16 0

(j) Envelope system.

(k) No special organisation.

(n) Quarterly collections.

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Total Amount.	Rate per Member.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£		£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2210 6 10	...	36	1400	3646 6 10	3776 11 6	1995 0 0	5771 11 6		
37 13 0	0 8 1	...	200	237 13 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		216
215 0 0	0 13 3	...	...	215 0 0	200 0 0	190 0 0	390 0 0		217
32 7 4	0 13 11	...	200	232 7 4	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0		218
146 13 4	1 8 9	20.6.8	...	167 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		219
80 0 0	0 18 2	14	...	94 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		220
125 0 0	1 2 0	12	...	137 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		221
30 0 0	0 12 5	...	200	230 0 0	200 0 0	185 0 0	385 0 0		222
5 0 0	0 13 11	...	200	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0		223
102 0 0	1 6 6	12	...	114 0 0	188 0 0	...	188 0 0		224
205 0 0	1 3 11	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0		225
250 0 0	0 7 7	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0		226
155 0 0	1 4 3	14	...	169 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		227
200 0 0	0 13 2	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0		228
20 0 0	0 11 6	...	200	220 0 0	200 0 0	225 0 0	425 0 0		229
86 0 0	1 14 5	...	...	86 0 0	126 11 5	...	126 11 5		230
155 0 0	0 16 9	...	...	155 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		231
96 2 6	0 15 11	...	...	96 2 6	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		232
200 0 0	1 14 6	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		233
4351 3 0	0 13 2	108 6 8	2400	6859 9 8	7156 2 11	3495 0 0	10651 2 11		
155 0 0	1 5 10	...	...	155 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		234
205 0 0	0 10 6	...	...	205 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		235
105 0 0	1 1 11	13	...	118 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		236
76 0 0	0 14 2	12	...	88 0 0	127 10 0	...	127 10 0		237
120 0 0	1 2 3	12	...	132 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		238
160 0 0	0 13 11	...	...	160 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		239
130 0 0	0 12 5	10	...	140 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		240
110 0 0	0 16 1	14	...	124 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		241
165 0 0	0 14 3	...	...	165 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		242
125 0 0	0 11 4	12	...	137 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		243
61 0 0	1 3 0	15	...	76 0 0	155 0 0	...	155 0 0		244
210 0 0	0 13 5	...	...	210 0 0	200 0 0	75 0 0	275 0 0		245
110 0 0	1 2 0	12	...	122 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		246
100 0 0	1 1 1	10	...	110 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		247
150 0 0	0 13 1	...	...	150 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		248
121 0 0	1 3 3	...	...	121 0 0	195 0 0	...	195 0 0		249
306 0 0	0 16 5	14	...	120 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		250
115 2 6	0 13 4	...	...	115 2 6	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		251
125 0 0	0 12 4	...	...	125 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		252
110 0 0	0 18 4	14	...	124 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		253
200 0 0	0 12 1	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	25 0 0	225 0 0		254
100 0 0	0 14 11	...	...	100 0 0	150 0 0	...	150 0 0		255
172 0 0	0 14 0	12	...	184 0 0	200 0 0	...	200 0 0		256
3031 2 6	0 14 10	150	...	3181 2 6	4427 10 0	100 0 0	4527 10 0		

TABLE SHOWING SUM-

No.	PRESBYTERIES.	Members.	Contributors.		Specially Contributed.	Added from Ordinary Revenue in case of Participating Congregations.
			Number on Books.	Per cent. on Membership.		
1	Berwick	3269	473	21	£ s. d. 207 16 2	£ s. d. 1277 17 3
2	Birmingham	1449	498	34	411 13 4	1483 9 6
3	Bristol	1627	673	40	419 9 6	1172 0 6
4	Carlisle	2004	441	34	395 17 0	1654 1 11
5	Darlington	2902	1616	56	905 3 0	1961 19 1
6	Liverpool	9612	2294	26	2972 15 8	3192 16 1
7	London	16595	4721	31	8227 2 2	6058 10 3
8	Manchester	5029	1385	33	1338 18 8	2607 15 6
9	Newcastle	10265	2236	27	936 15 8	3414 7 4
10	Northumberland	4083	970	31	401 6 6	2629 16 0
		56835	15307	31	16216 17 8	25452 13 5

MARY OF RECEIPTS, &c.

Entire Contributions of Congregations towards Sustentation Fund.		From Hewley Trust and other sources.	Amount of Equal Dividend where paid direct to Minister.	Total available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend (or Pulpit Supply in Vacancies).	Payment by Con- gregation to Minister in excess of Amount of Equal Dividend.	Total Stipend (or Pulpit Supply).	No
Total Amount.	Rate per Member.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1485 13 5	0 10 4	116 0 0	200	1801 13 5	2477 0 0	300 0 0	2777 0 0	1
1895 2 10	1 6 1	...	50	1945 2 10	2350 10 5	250 0 0	2600 10 5	2
1591 10 0	1 2 0	67 10 0	200	1859 0 0	1800 0 0	1050 0 0	2850 0 0	3
2049 18 11	1 0 6	123 0 0	...	2172 18 11	2415 16 8	244 0 0	2659 16 8	4
2867 2 1	0 19 9	88 0 0	...	2955 2 1	3280 6 4	358 18 4	3639 4 8	5
6165 11 9	0 14 1	30 0 0	600	6795 11 9	5930 0 0	6443 0 0	12373 0 0	6
14285 12 5	0 18 8	469 19 0	1200	15955 11 5	13494 6 6	14860 12 5	28354 18 11	7
3946 14 2	0 18 11	46 0 0	800	4792 14 2	5040 0 0	2870 0 0	7910 0 0	8
4351 3 0	0 13 2	108 6 8	2400	6859 9 8	7156 2 11	3495 0 0	10651 2 11	9
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APPENDIX B.

CLASSIFICATION OF CONGREGATIONS WITH THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

PRESBYTERIES.	AID-RECEIVING.				AID-GIVING.				NEITHER AID-GIVING NOR AID-RECEIVING.				UNCON- NECTED.		TOTAL.															
	Equal Dividend.		Less than Equal Dividend.		Participating.		Non-Participating.		Receiving Equal Dividend.		Receiving less than Equal Dividend— Church Extension Charges.		On Home Mission.	Others.		Congregations.	Amount.													
	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.	Congrs.	Amount.																		
													£	s.		d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
Berwick ...	7	843	0	0	4	387	0	5	...	...	1	55	13	0	1	200	0	0	...	...	2	15	1,485	13	5					
Birmingham ...	5	698	0	0	3	255	11	6	3	581	11	4	...	...	1	200	0	0	1	160	0	0	1	15	1,895	2	10			
Bristol ...	1	125	0	0	...	...	...	6	1,320	0	0	1	14	0	0	...	...	1	132	10	0	...	...	9	1,591	10	0			
Carlisle ...	4	575	0	0	4	299	18	8	4	895	0	3	...	...	1	200	0	0	1	80	0	0	...	14	2,049	18	11			
Darlington ...	9	1,336	8	4	2	160	0	0	4	875	12	9	...	...	2	400	0	0	1	95	1	0	...	1	19	2,867	2	1		
Liverpool ...	2	239	1	0	2	220	0	0	17	4,357	17	9	3	148	13	0	6	1,200	0	0	...	...	4	34	6,165	11	9			
London ...	7	927	9	9	5	581	5	5	38	9,567	1	3	6	812	5	0	8	1,600	0	0	8	797	11	0	5	7	84	14,285	12	5
Manchester ...	7	857	5	0	1	90	0	0	10	2,170	10	0	4	128	19	2	3	600	0	0	1	100	0	0	2	30	3,946	14	2	
Newcastle...	7	1,009	13	7	8	716	7	6	6	1,409	5	3	12	260	16	11	4	890	0	0	1	155	0	0	2	4	44	4,351	3	3
Northumberland...	16	2,058	2	6	4	358	0	0	2	415	0	0	...	...	1	200	0	0	...	...	...	...	1	24	3,031	2	6			
1887 ...	65	8,669	0	2	33	3,068	3	6	90	21,591	18	7	27	1,420	7	1	27	5,400	0	0	14	1,520	2	0	10	22	288	41,669	11	4
1886 ...	71	9,400	18	11	26	2,434	4	3	87	21,445	11	7	26	1,389	16	8	33	6,550	15	4	11	1,071	19	8	16	16	286	41,993	6	5
1878 ...	88	11,339	8	4	15	1,311	7	10	73	18,216	4	2	28	1,131	6	7	17	3,400	0	0	6	500	17	11	22	20	269	35,899	4	10

APPENDIX C.

AID-RECEIVING CONGREGATIONS—CHANGES BETWEEN 1878 AND 1887.

PRESBYTERIES.	DIMINISHED CLAIMS.						Stationary.			INCREASED CLAIMS.		
	Congregations still aid-receiving.		Congregations become self-sustaining.		Congregations now on Home Mission.		Congregations that have ceased to maintain a separate existence.		Congregations still aid-receiving.	New Claims.		
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.					
Berwick ...	6	74 3 5	...	...	...	...	1	95 0 0	1	4	31 15 1	...
Birmingham ...	2	28 6 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	56 14 4	3
Bristol...	1	13 6 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carlisle ...	6	125 19 9	1	95 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	2	15 19 4	...
Darlington ...	5	111 5 0	1	88 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Liverpool ...	2	51 5 9	1	20 19 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
London ...	6	187 5 4	5	261 15 6	2	95 19 9	1	95 0 0	1	2	40 10 0	2
Manchester ...	2	19 0 0	...	...	1	67 4 10	1	111 5 0	...	4	150 10 11	2
Newcastle ...	6	190 16 11	4	162 10 0	...	...	2	77 10 0	...	7	92 9 5	2
Northumberland	13	159 18 10	2	35 0 0	...	...	1	60 0 0	2	5	53 15 5	...
Total ...	49	961 8 4	14	663 15 1	3	163 4 7	6	438 15 0	4	27	466 7 10	15
												674 11 5

APPENDIX D.
RELATION OF PRESBYTERIES TO AID NEEDED AND FURNISHED

PRESBYTERIES.	Aid needed.		Aid supplied.		Net Amount to which Aid-receiving.		Net Amount to which Aid-giving.	
	1886.		1887.		1886.		1887.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick ...	702 19 5	730 19 7	61 0 0	55 13 0	641 19 5	675 6 7	...	...
Birmingham ...	421 9 4	437 13 6	30 0 0	32 5 11	391 9 4	405 7 7	...	...
Bristol ...	64 3 4	75 0 0	176 11 0	134 0 0	...	...	112 7 8	59 0 0
Carlisle ...	429 13 6	337 18 0	92 3 11	95 0 3	337 9 7	242 17 9	...	...
Darlington ...	460 1 7	438 7 0	48 7 6	113 2 9	411 14 1	325 4 3	...	...
Liverpool ...	241 10 0	240 19 0	1,147 16 2	1,106 10 9	...	...	906 6 2	865 11 9
London ...	620 5 0	503 10 9	2,925 13 10	2,964 15 8	...	...	2,305 8 10	2,461 4 11
Manchester ...	545 10 1	546 15 0	330 15 2	299 9 2	214 14 11	247 5 10	...	...
Newcastle ...	684 8 11	771 15 2	461 7 4	470 2 2	223 1 7	301 13 0	...	...
Northumberland	1,268 17 0	1,274 17 6	20 0 0	15 0 0	1,248 17 0	1,259 17 6	...	...
Total ...	5,438 18 2	5,357 15 6	5,293 14 11	5,225 19 8	3,469 5 11	3,457 12 6	3,324 2 8	3,385 16 8

III.

HOME MISSION REPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

A.—DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE following is the substance of the Reports furnished by the three Boards in regard to their work during the past year, as well as of the evangelistic work reported in connection with the various Presbyteries.

I. THE WORK OF THE BOARDS.

1. NORTH-EASTERN BOARD.

In order to reduce the working expenses of the Board it now meets only three times a year, each meeting being held a fortnight previous to the meetings of the Standing Committees of Synod. An Executive Committee, consisting of seven members, is empowered to deal with such matters as may be referred to it.

The Board has been enabled to make grants to two new stations, having been relieved in a considerable measure of heavy obligations regarding the congregation at Scarborough. This congregation is now under the charge of the Session of Prospect Street Church, Hull, and services have been held for the greater part of the year without any assistance from the Board. The grant to Millfield Street Church, Sunderland, has been reduced from £75 per annum to £50. Grants have been made to Holy Island, to Ashington (near Morpeth), to Gosforth, and to Worley Street, Newcastle. Only one grant has been made during the year for Church Building or Debt Extinction purposes, viz., a grant of £20 to the congregation of Ancroft Moor, to enable it to pay off what remained of a sum of nearly £400 spent in repairs and improvements on the Church property. The following details are given in regard to the more recent cases taken up:—

Gosforth.—The Board had brought under its consideration the financial position of this congregation, and their inability to promise a suitable stipend to a minister to be settled over them. The application was cordially supported by the Presbytery of Newcastle, and the Board agreed to make a grant of £25 for the year, beginning on September 6, 1887, the date of the minister's ordination.

Ashington.—In response to a memorial presented to the Presbytery of

Northumberland in October 1886, by a number of Presbyterians resident at Ashington, services were commenced there under the superintendence of the Presbytery. As a first arrangement it was agreed that a minister of the Presbytery preach at Ashington every alternate Sabbath, commencing on December 26, 1886. The intervening Sabbaths were supplied by elders of the Presbytery and other friends. This arrangement came to an end in November 1887. The Presbytery agreed then to have a preacher stationed at Ashington for six months, to be paid at the rate of £80 a year. An application was submitted to the Board for £20 for six months. The Board unanimously agreed to comply with the request, the grant to date from December 1, 1887.

Worley Street, Newcastle.—An application was submitted from the Presbytery of Newcastle, on behalf of this preaching station, at the meeting of the Board held on March 5, 1888. The application showed that services had been conducted for ten months with most encouraging success, the average attendance being—morning, 120; evening, 180. A grant of £25 for the year was unanimously agreed to.

The only Presbytery that reports specially to the Board on Church extension within its bounds is that of Newcastle, which, in addition to Worley Street just referred to, reports the commencement of services on Sabbath evenings in a hall at *Jesmond*, with a very encouraging attendance. A temporary session has been appointed by the Presbytery, which is acting in conjunction with an influential committee of local gentlemen, and a church is in course of erection on a suitable site at a cost of £6,000, which is expected to be completed in June or July. The work of Church extension at *Cullercoats* and *Whitley* is in abeyance meanwhile, unforeseen difficulties having arisen to prevent its prosecution.

2. NORTH-WESTERN AND MIDLAND BOARD.

This Board has held seven meetings during the past year, besides several meetings of the Executive. The attendance of members is good, one main result of the new method of the District Board system being that it has elicited a wider practical interest in Home Mission work on the part of office-bearers and members in the provinces than under the old plan. This of itself is encouraging, and is full of promise for the future. During the past year a new station has been sanctioned at *Doncaster* by the Presbytery of Manchester, with the concurrence of the Board, and with the most hopeful prospects. The other denominations in Doncaster have most cordially welcomed the Presbyterian Church in assisting them to overtake a population very far from being adequately supplied with church accommodation.

The following are the chief transactions of the Board for the year:—

The congregation at *Whalley Range, Manchester*, having fulfilled the condition of the provisional grant of £500 made to them on March 19, 1884, the said sum has now been paid from the Church Building Fund.

The *Oldham* congregation received the second moiety of the grant of £250, and is now practically free of debt, and there is every prospect that this young congregation, under the ministry of the Rev. Thomas Boyd, will soon become self-sustaining.

A grant of £250 has been paid to the *Ramsey* congregation, which, with the contribution of the people and friends and the sale of the old church, reduces the remaining debt to a manageable point.

The church premises at *Chester* having undergone a thorough repair, involving an expenditure of upwards of £1,500, a grant of £250 was paid during the past year. The remaining debt is now under £500, covered by a loan from the Henderson Trust, which the congregation is reducing by payment of annual instalments.

At *Preston* a hall, to form part of the permanent ecclesiastical premises, has been erected, and £150 of a grant of £500 was paid during the year.

The *Hanley* congregation received payment of a grant of £180.

These payments have reduced the Building Fund of the Board to almost the vanishing point, and steps are being taken to replenish the fund to meet one sole existing claim, and others that will come on us very soon.

From the General Home Mission Fund grants have been made for the current year to *Silloth*, £75; *Risley*, £40; *Tunley*, £40; *St. Peter's, Liverpool*, for mission work, £30; *Hyson Green Mission, Nottingham*, £30; *Oldham*, £100; *Doncaster*, £100; *Haltwhistle*, £20 to May 30; *Great Salkeld*, £30; *Penruddock*, £20; *Salford*, £50.

Grants for special evangelistic services were also made to the congregations at *Walsall*, *Leicester*, and *Peel Road, Liverpool*.

3. SOUTHERN BOARD.

The year was quite uneventful. No new work was undertaken, nor was the Board in a position to consider any, as the money at its disposal was inadequate for even existing obligations. The financial position is causing the Board considerable anxiety, and unless collections and other contributions are very largely increased the work will be seriously affected. Means are being used to stimulate interest, in the hope that thereby a larger revenue will be obtained, but the Board can hardly hope to receive, from within its own bounds, sufficient financial support to carry on with success the work which lies to its hand, either in the direction of planting charges in new and growing localities, or in doing what is most strictly Evangelistic work in destitute neighbourhoods.

The amount received during the year from congregational sources was £810 4s. 3d.; from common funds distributed by the Home Mission Committee and direct donations £161 6s. 11d., making a total income of £971 11s. 2d. The payments made were—for Evangelistic grants under the Rules £477 17s. 6d.; in fulfilment of obligations to Church Extension Charges £552 10s.; and the expenses for the year, including those of Synod Deputies, were £148 16s. 10d., making a total expenditure of £1,179 4s. 4d., so that the balance in hand of £207 15s. 1d. with which the Board began the year was completely absorbed.

[The details of this expenditure are shown in the Statement of Accounts, and need not be repeated here.]

II. FINANCE.

All the Boards show credit balances both on the General Account and on that for Church Building and Debt Extinction, the exact position being as follows:—

1. GENERAL FUND.

				£	s.	d.
North-Eastern Board	...	...	...	199	4	11
North-Western and Midland Board...	...	...	...	369	5	4
Southern Board	...	...	...	0	1	11
Total to Credit				£568	12	2

(Besides undistributed Reserve Fund of £1,000.)

2. CHURCH BUILDING AND DEBT EXTINCTION FUND.

			Credit Balances.			Liabilities.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
North-Eastern Board	...	...	578	14	4	625	0	0
North-Western and Midland Board	...	...	562	17	1	850	0	0
Southern Board	...	...	279	6	3	2,125	0	0
Total to Credit			£1,420	17	8	£3,600	0	0

It is unquestionably very unsatisfactory that the Boards should be in the position of having made grants in excess of their actual resources, and it is obviously most desirable that funds should be raised with the least possible delay sufficient at least to meet all existing grants.

It will be remembered that the grants from the General Fund are made in part for Church Extension and in part for Evangelistic work. The following are the proportions in which these grants have been made by the several Boards:—

			Church Extension.			Evangelistic.			Total.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
North-Eastern Board	...	...	177	1	8	38	5	0	215	4	8
North-Western and Midland Board	...	...	211	15	4	310	0	0	521	15	4
Southern Board	...	...	552	10	0	477	17	6	1,030	7	6
Total	...	...	941	5	0	826	0	6	1,767	5	6

III. EVANGELISTIC WORK.

1. NORTH-EASTERN BOARD.

(1) PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

The Rev. John Davidson, of Beaumont, reports on behalf of this Presbytery as follows:—

During the year more churches have been open for Evangelistic meetings than ever before reported. Indeed, many ministers seem now to embody such special services in the ordinary programme of their year's work. The average period over which they extended was eight nights, and they were conducted by ministers of various denominations and also by able evangelists. Considering the inclement weather, and the sparse population in country districts, the meetings were well attended. Although no great spiritual awakening is reported from any one congregation, ministers combine in testifying to deepened spiritual life.

As usual, cottage meetings have been held throughout the year at all the

farm steadings. In the rural charges these may be said to take the place of the congregational prayer meeting, or at least are supplementary to it. Only in this way can the spiritual needs of many of our people be met. Not only is the bread of life thus brought to the aged and infirm of our own congregations, but also to the lapsed and lapsing from other congregations. At these meetings tracts are usually distributed, and by direct distribution a large quantity of healthy religious literature finds entrance into the homes of the people.

As usual, joint meetings of the Berwick congregations were held (this year) in Wallace Green Church. The services were conducted by the Rev. John More, of Cheltenham, and were largely attended and highly appreciated by the regular church-goers, but the strenuous efforts made to draw in the non-church-going unfortunately failed.

(2) PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The Rev. John Scott, of Harbottle, reports on behalf of his Presbytery as follows :—

The removal of the Rev. Alex. Gregory, Wooler, to Amoy, has necessarily made a change in the Convenership. There has been almost no time to ascertain what has been done, as the present Convener has only recently been appointed, and as Mr. Gregory has left no documents behind him we are unable to give a detailed report. In several of the Congregations special Evangelistic Services have been conducted extending from eight to twelve days. The services have been well attended, and many professed to have received blessing. There is good reason to believe that many have had spiritual life deepened, whilst not a few have been turned from darkness to light. Where no special effort has been put forth, much has been done by way of cottage meetings and tract distribution.

The children also have been attended to. Besides the Congregational Sabbath schools, there are district Sabbath schools in several of our Congregations.

(3) PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE.

The following is the substance of the report furnished by the Rev. Robert Stewart, of Gateshead, on behalf of this Presbytery :—‘The reports from the different churches show a deepening interest and earnestness on the part of our office-bearers and people, in their efforts to reach the masses and to promote their spiritual well-being. In connection with some of our country Congregations cottage meetings are extensively carried on, and this has undoubtedly proved itself one of the best agencies for meeting the spiritual needs of the people in our rural districts. Most of our town Congregations have been actively engaged in mission work, and many of them have had special Evangelistic Services, from all of which comes the testimony of quickened spiritual life and the ingathering of souls. Reports have been sent in from a large proportion of the Congregations of the Presbytery.

Special Evangelistic Meetings were held at *Bellingham* for a fortnight, and were largely attended. There are decisive evidences of a work of grace in the facts that a few young people, mostly adherents of the Church, have given themselves to Christ, God’s people have received comfort and stimulus, and in the general community there has been an increasing earnestness about religion. At *Blackhill* weekly cottage meetings have been conducted during the whole year, and with most encouraging results. Successful services have been conducted at *Newsham* by Waterloo Road Church, Blyth. A great deal of interest was awakened, and there were several cases of decision for Christ.

Special Services, which were originally intended only to be carried on for a week, in connection with *Durham Road Church, Gateshead*, were, owing to the increased attendance and interest shown, extended to three weeks. Over 70 professed to have been saved, and the whole Church was spiritually quickened; 21 Sabbath scholars joined the membership of the Church. The young converts formed a class for the reading and the study of the Scriptures, and they hold a prayer meeting on the Saturday evenings. During the year the minister and elders have conducted weekly cottage meetings. Two series of Special Evangelistic Meetings were held in *Ellison Street Church, Gateshead*, during 1887. The attendance at the first series varied from 150 to 200 for ten days. These services were first held in the hall and afterwards in the street, when passers-by were invited into the church. As a result over 30 professed to have found Christ, and are now connected with the church and living consistently. The second series extended over three weeks, and the help of an evangelist was secured. One new feature was introduced—special meetings for children. They desired to form a prayer meeting, which has been instituted and carried on for ten months under the superintendence of one of the elders. The work among adults has also been gratifying. A number of the non-church-going class were induced to attend the meetings, and at the close more than 70 had made a profession. Many became members of the Church, and are among its foremost workers. In connection with this Congregation outdoor services were conducted every Saturday evening from April to November, and were largely attended. Special services were held for a week at *Gosforth*. The attendance during the week numbered about 40. The Sunday evening attendance was good, and the closing meeting was the best attended of the series. At *Hebburn* Evangelistic Services were held during the winter, extending over a week. The attendance was fair. A change was introduced in the Sabbath evening services. They were made specially evangelistic, and Sankey's hymns were used, and as a result the attendance was much increased. Cottage meetings are held in connection with *Hexham* Congregation every week in town and country, in accordance with a printed plan. These meetings are held in six houses in the town and ten in the country. The meetings in the country are most largely attended, numbering from 30 to 50. Two brethren are appointed to conduct each service, and the minister attends about half the meetings. These meetings have been much appreciated in the district, and indeed there are more requests for cottage meetings than can be complied with. The Special Services held in November in *Ellison Street Church, Jarrow*, were very acceptable; the audiences steadily increased, and the results have been encouraging. At *St. Kilda's Church, Jarrow*, very successful services were being held at the time the report was drawn up. In connection with *Barras Bridge Church, Newcastle*, special Evangelistic Services were held during a week in October in the Mission Hall, Liverpool Street, which were productive of good. The year has been one of quiet and fruitful work both in Church and the Mission. During three weeks at the close of 1887 Special Services were held in connection with *Blackett Street Church, Newcastle*, and were conducted mainly by two members of the Young Men's Christian Association. Great good was done; a considerable number decided for Christ, and some, as the result, were added to the membership. A series of Evangelistic Services were held for a fortnight in the spring of 1887, in connection with *John Knox Church, Newcastle*, by Mr. W. Thomson, Glasgow. The meetings were well attended, and a number of conversions were recorded. A week of Special Religious Services were held in connection with *Howard Street Church, North Shields*, in October. The meetings were on the whole well attended, and the services much appreciated. Two or three series of

Special Services were held in connection with the Mission of *St. John's Church, South Shields*, which have been owned by the Master in the conversion of souls. For about two months last summer open-air meetings were held in connection with *St. Paul's Church, South Shields*. These meetings were held at the close of the Sabbath evening service. During the year a Sabbath morning service for the children has been started, which has been well attended. There have been no special Evangelistic Services connected with *Stanfordham Church* during the past year, but there are two missions connected with the Church which are being conducted as in previous years. The ordinary Evangelistic Services have been conducted at the Mission in connection with *St. George's Church, Sunderland*. The attendance has been good and the results encouraging. In connection with *Smyma Church, Sunderland*, a Mission school is held every Sabbath morning for the poorest class, when Evangelistic Addresses are given, the attendance being about 200. Cottage meetings have been held in connection with *Wark Congregation* in outlying districts. The attendance has throughout been encouraging, some attending these meetings who cannot be classed as 'church-going,' and a proportion have been led to attend regularly at the church. Cottage meetings are held in different parts of *Willington Quay*. These are well attended and much appreciated.

The Report concludes :—From these reports it will be seen that a great amount of special effort is being put forth by the Churches in the Presbytery to reach the masses and to quicken their own spiritual life. It is specially gratifying to your Committee to note a greater readiness on the part of Congregations to avail themselves of our help in recommending or supplying speakers for special services. The results prove that similar services might frequently be held throughout the Presbytery, and can be successfully carried on by the ministers and laymen of the Church without the aid of special evangelists.

(4) PRESBYTERY OF DARLINGTON.

This Presbytery reports through the Rev. Thomas Campbell as follows:—After looking minutely into details furnished by various Churches in the Presbytery, I could not but come to one conclusion specially gratifying—namely, that a very large amount of work usually called Evangelistic is being done within its bounds. Thus four of the Churches—namely, *Bishop Auckland, Crook, Prospect Street, Hull, and West Hartlepool*—have regular Sabbath services in Mission districts; in the case of the last, however, the work being chiefly in the meantime among the young. Prospect Church, Hull, has two Mission districts, besides conducting open-air service on the Dock side every Saturday evening, and employing a staff of visitors who endeavour to carry the Gospel into the lodging-houses. The minister of *Hartlepool* conducts a fortnightly service in the country, and the minister of *Mount Pleasant* a monthly service at an out-station. Several of the Churches have regular outdoor preaching, tract distribution, and cottage prayer meetings. Special Evangelistic Services were conducted at Darlington, where meetings were held throughout the town. Several of the ministers have taken part with those of other denominations in united services. The following is a condensed account of Mission schools respectively connected with various Churches :—*Bishop Auckland*, 40 scholars and 5 teachers; *Crook*, 80 children, 6 teachers; *St. Andrew's, Stockton*, 90 scholars, 9 teachers; *Darlington*, 120 scholars, 9 teachers; *Holderness Road, Hull*, 250 scholars, 20 teachers; *West Hartlepool*, 117 scholars, 9 teachers. *Prospect Street, Hull*, has three Mission schools. It appears also that several of the ordinary Congregational schools are largely of a Mission character. The foregoing details may

show clearly enough that during the year much precious seed has been sown, but devout thanks are due to God that fruit has also been reaped. Thus there repeatedly occur in the returns sent in such statements as the following: 'Services appreciated;' 'Sometimes saving change;' 'Frequent conversions at mothers' meetings;' 'Several led to Christ;' 'Received several members from Mission schools and services;' 'Some permanent additions;' 'A number of hopeful impressions;' 'Several dying in peace.' *St. Andrew's, Stockton*, reports ten members added as result of 'United Services,' and one from Mission school. In reply to request for additional facts and suggestions, one suggestion may be noted as if not entirely, yet comparatively, novel, and comes from *St. Andrew's, Stockton*. It is as follows: 'A band of Synod Evangelists, who could in turn visit the Presbyteries of our Church, spending a few weeks with each Congregation.' Finally, throughout the Presbytery Christ's truth seems faithfully and diligently held forth, so that what seems needed within its bounds, as everywhere else, is more united and earnest and expectant prayer for the Holy Spirit's power to make that truth more effectual.

2. NORTH-WESTERN AND MIDLAND BOARD.

(1) PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

There appears to a growing interest in Evangelistic work throughout the bounds of the Presbytery. Greater interest has been awakened amongst the office-bearers and members generally in special efforts, having for their object the deepening of the spiritual life of our Christian people, and through them the ingathering of those that are without the pale of the Church. As regards details:—

Bewcastle.—Special Services were held in this church in October, when Mr. Boyd, of Carlisle, was the Missioner. The interest increased as the week advanced, and a deep impression was made. A second week of services was held in November. Regular work of this kind is carried on by the Minister on Sabbath evenings during the summer and autumn months in cottages and in the open air. *Carlisle, Warwick Road*: The Minister reports—'Our work has grown much during the past year, and we feel straitened for room in all our Mission rooms and halls, and there has been much blessing.' *Haltwhistle*: Mr. Thorpe has been carrying on Evangelistic work both in town and country with encouraging results. Fourteen Special Services have been held during a period of 4½ months. *Harrington*: The agencies formerly reported on continue in a vigorous and efficient condition. A series of Special Services for a fortnight were conducted by the Minister with such help as the members of Session could give. The audiences increased as the Mission advanced, and gratifying results were noted. *Whitehaven, Market Place*: Mr. Mackay reports that the meetings in the country have been carried on as usual with a brief exception during his illness.

(2) PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

The Rev. Simeon R. Macphail, Convener, has sent a very full and deeply interesting Report, which, when read in the Presbytery, produced a deep impression. We can only present some of the leading facts. Reports were received from 27 Congregations, but of these 9 furnished almost no particulars.

The Congregations in the *Isle of Man* report a considerable amount of

earnest Mission work, but carried on with far too much strain upon the Ministers. In *Ramsey* a week of services conducted by the Minister resulted in three families having connected themselves with the Church. At the same time the Minister places his expectation of good in sustained work, for which he earnestly asks a grant from the Home Mission. The report from *Douglas* is still more urgent, and full of particulars of earnest effort, almost every day of the week having some special service in town or country. The Congregational prayer meeting has derived fresh impulse from this outside service, and, as at *Ramsey*, the desirableness of a special agent is urged on the Presbytery with almost painful earnestness. *Barrow* has no special Mission, but circulates monthly upwards of 2,000 tracts, and conducts six weekly district cottage meetings. In *St. Helen's* there has been no special effort, but here, as in *Barrow*, the difficulty of finding a suitable agent has been the cause. At *Neston*, work is carried on at the collieries, but the want of workers is keenly felt by the Minister: One very necessitous district is almost entirely unoccupied, though there are good premises, from want of some one to take up the work. *Sutton* reports much work and some success in a neighbouring township. The report from *Chester* indicates no special Evangelistic effort.

The Report gives special and deserved prominence to the statement sent in by *West Kirby*, the youngest Congregation of the Presbytery. The work beyond the Congregation is varied and widespread, and, though not entirely under the control of the Congregation, with few exceptions the workers are drawn therefrom. *E.g.*, children's services in Cocoa Rooms every Sunday evening for those who go to no church; a Sunday afternoon meeting for fishermen at *Hoylake*; a Sunday and Thursday evening service at 'The Laing,' very useful; a cottage meeting at 'The Hill,' West Kirby; a farm kitchen meeting at the village of Saughall Massey, three miles off; a stable loft has been converted into a Mission room at 'Meols,' where services for children and adults are carried on with unvarying regularity; a meeting at the village of *Greasby* on Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening; whilst a lady of the Congregation, at her own expense and greatly by her own effort, has begun a most promising Mission in the village of *Upton*. It is due to this vigorous Church that these details should be given. Without giving any fresh particulars, the large and varied work of four Missions is reported as carried on by the *Egremont* Congregation. The two Missions under *Grange Road* are largely attended, and the spiritual success is subject for grateful acknowledgment. *Higher Tranmere* has a Missionary Society carrying Sunday School, Sunday morning service for young persons, and a Sunday evening service for adults. Mission operations are carried on at the Dock Cottages by Hamilton Church with evidences of success. As usual, there is much interesting material in the report from *Rock Ferry*. Some twelve or thirteen separate agencies are engaged in the large and varied operations of its Mission.

On the Liverpool side of the river there is equally interesting work reported. *Peel Road* has just concluded a week of services. The Mission in connection with *Trinity, Bootle*, is marked by the special attention given, with good success, to factory girls. *Walton*, a young Congregation, has put forth its hand to the neighbourhood in a Sunday evening service, a Sunday School with 200 scholars and 15 teachers, and a strong staff of visitors. *Sylvester Street* Congregation has a vigorous Mission in the poorest district of Liverpool, doing good work by means of a lady Missionary. *Vauxhall Road* Congregation, in peculiarly trying circumstances, gives evidence of blessing on the district from the regular services. With more bodily strength the singular devotion and ability of Mr. Macandrew would probably mani

fest themselves more outwardly, but perhaps not more abundantly than at present. *Everton Valley* reports continued increase in Mission service, so that an enlargement of the premises has become necessary. The work at Earle Road under *Sefton Park* Congregation is carried on with much vigour, and the efforts to influence the non-church-going of all classes are successful both in the Congregation and at the Mission. A full report of work done by *Queen's Road* Congregation shows that the outlying in the neighbourhood are touched by a Sunday School of 500 scholars and an Evangelistic Service conducted by a good band of earnest workers. *Shaw Street* Congregation, while mentioning no direct Evangelistic work, lays emphasis on the good results secured through the tone and work of the Young Men's Society in the Congregation. *Fairfield* reports steady work and progress in Balm Street Mission. A gymnasium and Window-Garden Association have been formed, with other adjuncts to the more spiritual efforts. Hyslop Street is still conducted as a Medical Mission in connection with *Canning Street* Congregation. The doctor has dealt with over four thousand cases during the year, and this department tends largely to advance the work among the poorest and most hopeless in the surrounding neighbourhood.

In connection with this report the Convener of the Evangelistic Workers' Union submitted an interesting statement of the work done by this auxiliary agency.

(3) PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

The Committee regret that they have nothing very fresh to report this year as to Evangelistic work carried on within the bounds of the Presbytery; but they are pleased to note a steady prosecution of such work by the majority of the Congregations in a greater or less degree, and in some cases with increased vigour and success. The Committee itself has been able to do nothing material in promoting such work. The general tone of the reports from Congregations is such as to warrant the belief that more, rather than less, of aggressive work is being done in our Congregations and by their more zealous members. All the stronger Congregations appear to have Mission work of some sort going on, and this year the same may be said of some Congregations that were at one time accounted but weak. The following details may be interesting :—

The Minister at *Sheffield* is able to send a well-filled sheet of answers, proving the existence of much strenuous activity on the part of his people and himself. Eight Congregations report the cost of their Missions as amounting in all to £759. The largest expenditure on a regular Congregational Mission is by *Whalley Range* Congregation, £188. The vigorous Mission at Union Street, Ardwick, under *Brunswick Street* Congregation, continues to extend its operations, a branch Mission having been opened. Nearly two-thirds of the cost of the Mission have been raised by the members of the Mission. At *Preston* a 'Lodging-house' Mission is conducted by the Elders. Special Mission services are reported from seven Congregations. Those at *Sale* and *Sheffield* are specially noteworthy from the completeness of their arrangement, attendance, and hopeful results. A certain number of the meetings were of a Gospel Temperance character.

The Evangelistic Association continues its good work.

(4) PRESBYTERY OF BIRMINGHAM.

In the autumn of 1887 a Conference of the Ministers and Office-bearers of the Birmingham Congregations was held with reference to the needs of the town and neighbourhood, and the possibility of engaging in Mission and Church Extension work. It is expected that as a result of this Conference a new departure in Mission work will soon be made. As regards details :—

The only Home Mission work on a fully equipped scale is carried on by the Congregation at *Nottingham* in their Mission district at Hyson Green. The efficiency of this Mission is due to the activity of the Office-bearers of the Church and the zealous labours of a lady Missionary. There are the usual agencies in operation. The cost of the Mission is about £100 per annum—£50 from the Congregation, £20 by the people at the Hall, and £30 from the District Mission Board. The Home Mission effort of the other Congregations mainly takes the shape of tract distribution, as at *New John Street, Camphill, Smethwick, Burton, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton, Worcester*; or by cottage meetings at *Camphill* and *Smethwick*. At *Wolverhampton* the gallery seats are set apart for the use of those not in regular attendance at church. At *Hanley*, Mr. Crowe conducts a science class. At *Stafford*, Mr. Cowan is projecting a guild on the same lines as he followed at *Walsall*. Special services have been held at *Camphill, Leicester, and Walsall*, with encouraging results. Services have been conducted at *Leamington* since last summer, chiefly through the energy of Mr. Henderson, of Birmingham, but as yet it has not been sanctioned as a station.

3. SOUTHERN BOARD.

(1) PRESBYTERY OF BRISTOL.

The Rev. G. M. Smith reports on behalf of this Presbytery :—

Special evangelistic services have been held during the year in connection with *Bristol, Gloucester, Swansea, and Swindon* Congregations, attended by most encouraging results.

Theatre services, Bible readings, children's services, and special meetings for the rescue of the fallen were held, and received manifest tokens of the Divine favour.

At *Swansea* no special Mission services had been held for many years, and the result of the fortnight's mission conducted by Mr. W. Thomson, jun., was that the whole membership of the Church was revived, and many souls were added to the Church.

During the year a Mission church has been erected by the *Cardiff* Congregation in a populous district of the town, and regular weekly services have been organised. Sunday School, Band of Hope, Mothers' Meetings, and other agencies for the furtherance of the Gospel have been started and carried on by a band of earnest workers belonging to the Church. All the Congregations are directly or indirectly engaged in Home Mission work. There is a healthful, vigorous Evangelistic spirit in this Presbytery; so that the great need of the home heathen is not lost sight of, but receives a due share of the Presbytery's attention and consideration.

(2) PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The report from this Presbytery is as follows :—

During the year there has been no outstanding feature similar to that in the previous year in the series of services carried on by Messrs. Davey and Irvine. There have been in many Congregations series of special services, to some of which the Evangelisation Committee of the Presbytery was able to render assistance. No complete record of these exists, but of those which have been made known several have been marked by results calling for deep thankfulness.

The need for aiding East End Congregations in their work among the dense population lying around them was brought prominently under the notice of the Presbytery by the Synod Deputies, and has since engaged the attention of the Evangelisation Committee. It is believed that much good may be effected by a union in Evangelistic work, in suitable cases of wealthier and stronger with poorer and weaker Congregations. A most interesting experiment in this direction is now being worked out in the union for such work around our Church at *Bow*, of the local Congregation under Rev. W. Michael Smith, and the *St. John's Wood* Congregation under Dr. Monro Gibson.

STATISTICS OF EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The following summary of the statistical returns made by the various Congregations bearing upon Evangelistic work will further illustrate the Evangelistic activity of the Church :—

Presbyteries	Attendance at Mission Services for Adults	Mission Sabbath Schools		
		No. of Schools	Roll	Attendance
Berwick	251	3	339	232
Birmingham	130	2	315	252
Bristol	430	2	293	221
Carlisle	337	9	909	659
Darlington	368	10	1,450	1,082
Liverpool	3,346	27	7,789	5,727
London	3,955	40	9,518	6,969
Manchester	754	12	2,243	1,759
Newcastle	1,080	23	3,884	2,727
Northumberland	286	5	205	140
Total	10,937	133	26,945	19,768

B.—METHODS OF HOME MISSION WORK.

It will be remembered that last Synod, in disposing of the portion of the Report of this Committee bearing on the question of the Ordination of Home Missionaries, referred the whole matter back to the Committee, with instructions—

- (1) To inquire carefully into the spiritual needs of those large classes

which habitually absent themselves from public worship, the claim they possess upon this Church, and the duty in regard to them.

(2) To investigate methods of Home Mission work among such classes, and how these can be rendered more efficient, giving further consideration in this connection to the proposal to confer ordination, under judicious regulations, upon agents employed in this service.

(3) To receive and consider likely suggestions as to fresh lines on which work of this description may be wisely undertaken, whether by the Synod, by Presbyteries, or by Congregations, with authority, if it see cause, to submit to Presbyteries any definite plans in time for their opinion thereon, to be reported upon by the Committee to next Synod.

Your Committee at their July meeting appointed a sub-committee to draft a set of queries bearing on the points specified, which were considered and approved in November, and issued to Congregations immediately thereafter. These queries were as follows, viz. :—

1. Is there in your neighbourhood any considerable number of non-church-going people? If there is, are you carrying on any efforts to reach and win them beyond the stated services of your own Congregation? Or is the ground fully occupied already by other Churches?
2. If not, are there any hindrances which you can specify preventing you from undertaking such work?
3. If you are engaged in 'Home Mission' work, is the church itself the centre of such operations, or do you use a separate building for the purpose, or both?
4. In either case do you undertake a defined district or territory in which to carry on operations? How far is such district overtaken by your regular visitation? How far by other Christian visitors?
5. What classes of the population lie immediately around your church, or your Mission buildings, as the case may be?

Please let the answer be full enough to specify (so far as you have the means of doing so) the character of the population you work among with reference to the following points, viz. :

- (a) Its social status, as 'well-to-do,' 'artisan,' 'poor,' or the like;
 - (b) The prevalent employments of the working classes, with the ordinary rate of wages earned;
 - (c) The attendance of different classes on public worship; and
 - (d) Any evil habits specially prevailing, as, for example, drinking, gambling, desecration of the Lord's Day, &c.
6. From what class of the population is your own Congregation principally drawn? In particular, have you a fair proportion of working men, having regard to the number of these in the general population of your neighbourhood?
 7. Describe, please, in what kind of building your Mission is carried on, how many it accommodates, how far it is from your church, and how far it is adequate to your requirements.

[N.B.—The answer should apply to the Sunday School as well as to other Mission work.]

8. What religious services are held on Sundays? on week days? Under what supervision, and by whom conducted?
9. Give the estimated average attendance at these services, stating the number of men and women respectively. What proportion belongs to the artisan class? Be good enough to mention any means which you have found it useful to employ in order to win the attendance of the people.

10. Have you a Sunday School, or schools, for the people of the Mission? Please give the number of teachers and of scholars.
11. If the Sacraments are dispensed to the Mission people, say by whom, and how frequently. How many partake of the Lord's Supper? Is there a separate roll of such members, and how many names are upon it? Do you look forward to your Mission becoming a separate Congregation? Or, if you incorporate Mission converts with your ordinary Congregation, how many members from that source have been received, say, in the last five years?
12. What effect do you find produced upon those who receive spiritual benefit, in regard to their social condition? And how far does it lead to their removal from the district to better localities?
13. If you have in operation any other agencies for the benefit of the people in connection with your Mission, be so good as specify them, giving particulars and enclosing any printed documents furnishing information. The agencies referred to are such as these:

Temperance Societies and Bands of Hope.

Provident Clubs or Penny Savings Banks.

Sick Clubs or any form of Medical Relief.

Mothers' Meetings.

Dorcas or Sewing Societies.

Institutes for Working People, whether adults or lads or girls.

Penny Readings, Lectures, Concerts and other Entertainments, &c.
&c.

[N.B.—In answering this question the Committee would like you to indicate for what classes of the people these agencies are designed, and in particular how far they are taken advantage of by men of the wage-earning or artisan class, or by their families. In regard to such of the foregoing as are *provident*, say what advantages are held out as an inducement to the people to take advantage of them.]

14. To what extent, and through what almoners or methods of relief, do you give anything away in the shape of charity to the poor of your neighbourhood?
15. What does your Mission cost you a year? How much of this sum goes for salaries? How much for rent?
16. Please describe for the guidance of the Committee any methods of work which you have found peculiarly fruitful of results. Or are you aware of any more productive methods employed by other workers in your vicinity?
17. Specify what your experience shows to be the chief hindrances to success: in general? among the well-to-do? among artisans? among the very poor? among the young?
18. Be so good as offer any *suggestions* as to new or improved methods or arrangements which might be tried; whether—
 - (a) By a single Congregation; or
 - (b) By two or more adjacent Congregations acting in concert; or
 - (c) By the Presbyteries or Synod of the Church.

[N.B.—The Committee attach much importance to this last question being considered and carefully answered, as they are most desirous to elicit and combine the suggestions of all experienced workers throughout the Church.]

Out of 286 Congregations only 80 have as yet made returns, many of which have come in so recently that it has not been possible to

examine and tabulate them with the requisite care. This number, moreover, does not include returns from a good many of our Home Mission Congregations themselves, or from some of our strongest Congregations which are known to be actively engaged in this work, while several Presbyteries of the Church are scarcely represented at all. At the same time, your Committee are deeply impressed with the value of the information already in their hands, and convinced that important practical suggestions and results may be reached if equally careful returns can be secured from a much larger area. They have therefore made a fresh and urgent appeal to Congregations from which no returns have come, to send in their replies without delay. Meanwhile they desire to express to the Synod their sense of the value of this inquiry as indicated in the particulars furnished, even in the limited number of returns already received, and to suggest that this work be left in their hands for another year with former instructions, and that the Ministers of the Church be urged to assist the efforts of the Committee in the matter by any and every means in their power.

C.—SYNOD DEPUTIES.

The visitation of the northern section of London was duly carried out in the autumn of 1887, and the reports appear as usual in the Appendix. It is recommended that the Presbytery of Northumberland be visited in the course of the ensuing year, and that the following be requested to act as the Synod's Deputies, viz.:—The Revs. Dr. James Muir, of Egremont; John Selater, of Manchester; and David Fotheringham, of Tottenham, *Ministers*: with Mr. John Hume, of London; Dr. Gauld, also of London; and Mr. James A. Watson, of Blackburn, Ruling Elders.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

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Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' General Fund, p. 890; Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund, p. 894.]

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF SYNOD DEPUTIES.

THE Deputies appointed at last Synod to visit the northern section of the Presbytery of London met in London on October 26 and 27, 1887.

The Rev. John Watson was unable to fulfil his engagement owing to the state of his health, which rendered it impossible for him to bear the strain of the continuous meetings. The Rev. James Mellis attended in his place till Monday, October 31, when the Rev. J. T. McGaw arrived and took up the work to the close. The Rev. John Thompson and Mr. J. A. Watson, having begun their visiting at Cambridge, were unable to be present at the breakfast on Friday, October 28, at the house of Mr. R. T. Turnbull, who had most kindly invited all the Deputies in order to confer about some important points, such as (1) the general course to be pursued in the visitation, (2) the character of the reports expected,

(3) the expediency of acceding to the wish of the Presbytery of London that the Deputies should meet them at a conference on Tuesday evening, November 8, at the close of their labours.

The Moderator of Synod and the General Secretary met the Deputies in conference. The former took the chair, and led in earnest prayer that, in the somewhat difficult and delicate undertaking, they might receive Divine guidance, and that the influence might be for the spiritual good of the Church.

The general course of procedure was agreed on, it being made clear that the Deputies visit congregations purely with a view to their spiritual profit, to manifest the fellowship existing between the Church collectively as represented in Synod and all its members, and to ascertain in a spirit of brotherliness the condition of life and usefulness as such might be indicated during a frank hour's talk with the Minister and office-bearers. Financial questions, it was agreed, are not properly within the range of the inquiry, unless such matters come up as indications of prosperity or otherwise. The Deputies, it was felt, should in all cases endeavour to cheer on the brethren, and aim at deepening the work of grace and stirring up to greater fruitfulness in Christian life.

The question of making a Report to the Presbytery was felt to be a matter of some delicacy requiring fuller consideration, and on the invitation of the same hospitable Elder it was agreed to meet again at the close of the visitation to hold a second conference, compare experiences, and decide on the general character of the Report.

Accordingly, all the Deputies except Mr. Gunn, who had been obliged to leave town, met at Mr. Turnbull's house for breakfast on Tuesday, November 8, spent five hours in conference, and decided to appoint the Rev. J. T. McGaw to give a general report on the whole, touching on certain matters which claimed special notes of commendation, and on others which called for the friendly but faithful criticism of the Deputies. It was also agreed that Mr. Thomas Matheson should call particular attention to the group of Churches in the East of London as a field of labour in which important changes have occurred, and thereby special difficulties are encountered calling for the sympathy, the wise counsel, and also in some places the financial aid of brethren in more favoured districts.

In the evening of the same day the Presbytery of London held a conference with the Deputies, when the two already named addressed the Court. Several members afterwards spoke, some questions were put and answered, and thereafter the Moderator, the Rev. Robert Taylor, thanked the whole deputation on behalf of the Presbytery.

The Congregations to be visited were arranged in five groups. The report of the Deputies in regard to each follows.

FIRST GROUP.

Visited by the Rev. JAMES MUIR, D.D., of Egremont, and Mr. T. P. DODS, of Hexham.

1. EALING.—The population of Ealing (20,000) is chiefly made up of the middle and upper middle class engaged in business in the West of London, and of so many of the working class as the necessities of the district require.

Church accommodation is provided for about 10,000. Only about two-thirds attend religious ordinances with any degree of regularity. Special Evangelistic effort reaches but a small section of the non-church-going. The proportion of public-houses to the population is below the average.

The Presbyterian Congregation was founded in 1875, and from the beginning has been under the ministry of the present Pastor, the Rev. Gavin Carlyle, M.A., to whose fidelity as a Christian teacher and pastor many warm testimonies were borne by the Elders, Managers, and members. The membership is 95, and, with but few exceptions, is drawn from people of English birth and training. This reflects the proportion of Presbyterian elements which exists in the community. The Congregation worshipped in an iron church from 1875 till the spring of 1887, the defective accommodation and inconvenient surroundings of which seriously hampered progress. A new church was opened this year, and its comfortable, ample, and varied accommodation has given a new impulse to utilise these for wider Christian work. Ordinances on the Lord's Day are fairly attended—under 200 and 100 at morning and evening services respectively. There is a good nucleus of earnest, intelligent, and devoted Christian men, several of them of Evangelistic gift and zeal, and doing a little in this direction. The Sunday School, though small, appears to be well taught, and the children intelligent and orderly. On the afternoon when visited there were 48 present, exclusive of the Pastor's class for domestic servants. A working party for the young, superintended by a lady of the Congregation, meets on the premises every Saturday afternoon; about 70 in regular attendance.

Taking the whole circumstances into account, the main feature of the Congregation is its hopefulness. There are not a few encouraging symptoms of spiritual progress, in the way of edification of the people *within*, if not of aggression on the community *without*.

The Deputation venture to suggest more frequent opportunities for Congregational prayer, classes for the young outgrowing the Sunday School, and especially a *Catechumen* class, in view of the fact that the increase of membership is due almost, if not entirely, to certificates from other Churches, and to find as soon as possible some way of reaching the considerable class of non-church-going in the community.

2. HAMMERSMITH.—This Congregation has been in existence since 1869, and from that date has been under the ministry of the Rev. Henry Miller. It is situated in the midst of a population of 120,000, including Hammersmith, West Kensington, and Shepherd's Bush. The Church accommodation of all denominations does not meet one-half of the population. Our Church in Hammersmith shows a membership of 183. In the Session there are four Elders associated with Mr. Miller, but on him, besides the usual labours of the pulpit and the pastorate, the work of the Bible Classes and management of the Sunday School mainly rests. Nine-tenths of the people attending the services and in the membership are of English birth and training. The average attendance is 300 at the morning and 200 at the evening service. The complaint is made here as at other places of the small attendance at the weekly prayer meeting, which is conducted by the Minister alone. The Sunday School has 70 scholars, chiefly drawn from the Congregation, with 7 teachers, all members of the Church. There is a meeting of 20 ladies once a week who do sewing work for the poor, but at present they are engaged as a working party, with the view of wiping off the debt of less than £200 which exists on the Church property.

The Deputies were much impressed with the favourable position this Church holds for doing large and needful Christian work in Hammersmith, &c., amongst ordinary church-goers, and which is *being attained in some*

degree under the active ministry of Mr. Miller, who deeply grieves over the widespread religious indifference of the neighbourhood, the pleasure-seeking practice of the population on the Lord's Day, the numerous Scotchmen in Hammersmith, West Kensington, and Shepherd's Bush who have lapsed from religious ordinances, the difficulty of *getting the members of the Church* to take an active part in religious work, and *that no distinct Mission agency for reaching that outside class exists at present in connection with the Church.* The Deputies respectfully but earnestly suggest to the Office-bearers to stretch out their hand of help to the masses beyond. Facts were submitted which show that the work to be done is large and clamant. The field is too large for any one body of Christians to overtake; but to enable the Congregation to do its share it would require to be greatly encouraged by, and to have in its present condition the help and sympathy of, the Presbytery and possibly the Mission Board in organising and working a Home Mission agency in the district around.

The Deputies rejoiced to hear from Mr. Miller that there were tokens of spiritual progress in cases of conversion known to him, and he believed there were others who had not communicated directly with him.

3. WILLESDEN.—The Deputies visited this Congregation on the evening of October 31, and felt themselves at once in an atmosphere of spiritual life and work. They had a very full, frank, and cordial conference with the Minister and Office-bearers and Congregation. Though of comparatively recent origin—1875—the Congregation has acquired a solid footing in the town through a membership of 266, and is extending its influence by many and varied organisations to all classes and ages within the Church, and to several necessitous districts in the neighbourhood. The population of the town at present is about 4,000, and is rapidly increasing. The Church accommodation of all denominations provides for about one-half of the population. The influx of London pleasure-seekers on the Lord's Day is the principal hindrance to religion, though the evil from this source in Willesden is much less than in some other London suburbs. To counteract this evil an open-air Mission is held in summer, and for two months special services are held for the benefit of the haymakers who come to the neighbourhood in the season. This latter service is under the management of an undenominational Committee.

The Church premises are large and varied for all departments of Church work. The average attendance on Sunday morning is 450; on Sunday evening about 300. The Wednesday evening service has an attendance of 100 in the winter months. More than one-fourth of the additions to the membership is from the young people of the Congregation, for whom a preparatory class is held for two months at a time twice every year. The Minister visits the Congregation from three to four times every year; the Elders have districts and assist the Minister in the conduct of the Wednesday evening service. They also conduct a Sunday morning prayer meeting, which is well attended. In addition to the Minister's Bible Class, a guild for young men of the Congregation meets every Sunday afternoon, and for literary purposes every Thursday evening. A class attended by from 40 to 50 domestic servants is conducted by a lady of the Congregation. The Deputies call especial attention to this class, not only because of its importance in itself, but as indicating also a desire on the part of those families in which they serve that their domestics should have the benefit such a class offers for instruction in Divine things.

It is well known that the Congregation at College Park is an offshoot from Willesden Church. The premises at the Railway Institute have been put at the service of Mr. Durran, and lately the Congregation formed a

Mission Board, which is charged with the superintendence of the varied Mission work carried on there, and also at what is called the Church Road Cottage Mission, such as Sunday evening services by members of the Church, Mothers' Meetings, Sunday Schools, Savings Banks, &c.

This Church is a living one, the signs of which are its unbroken unity, its activity, its increase, its care of the young, its varied agencies, the willingness of the people, the acceptable and edifying ministry of Mr. Durran.

4. COLLEGE PARK.—The work out of which this Congregation has sprung was begun in 1882 by the Congregation at Willesden. It was recognised as a preaching station in the spring of 1884, raised to a sanctioned charge towards the close of 1885, and in 1886 the Rev. D. M. McIntyre was ordained as its first minister. The population of College Park is about 7,000, is increasing rapidly, and is composed chiefly of railway servants, mechanics, and City clerks. Church accommodation in the district provides for about 700 of the population. The moral tone is good. There is a strong movement in favour of temperance, the result of which is shown in the fact of there being only *two* public-houses and a beershop in the area covered by the 7,000 population.

The membership of this young Church is 197, whilst many more who are not enrolled as members have fellowship with them at the Lord's table. The membership is made up almost entirely of the working class—all English—who take a warm interest in the affairs and spiritual work of the Church. For their numbers and circumstances they display a laudable liberality. The average attendance on Sunday morning is 150, whilst an audience of 350 at the evening service crowds the hall in which they worship at present. Of the office-bearers there are twenty able and willing to take part with the Minister at the week evening service, and at the Sunday morning prayer meeting. The Sunday School has 540 scholars and 34 teachers, members of the Church. There is a Bible class for young men; a meeting for men, for mothers, conducted by Miss Wright, who is an invaluable worker, well attended and spiritually successful; a children's service at the Board school, conducted by Miss Wright, attendance 250; a boys' brigade, and a literary society for young men. These, with district visitors, twenty-five in number, open-air services, cottage meetings, &c. &c., give an idea of the vitality and aggressive vigour of this worthy class Congregation. The ministrations of Mr. McIntyre are highly appreciated, whilst valuable testimony was borne by the office-bearers, and specially by two medical gentlemen, members of the Church, to the great moral and social as well as spiritual good in the district by the work of this Congregation.

Steps are being taken to erect a Church forthwith at a cost of less than £3,000, towards which £1,600 has been subscribed.

The Synod's Deputies see in this Congregation what our Church may do by well-directed effort amongst the working class of the country.

5. NOTTING HILL.—The Deputies visited this Congregation on November 2, 1887, and received a most cordial welcome from the Minister and office-bearers, and after a long conference with them met with the Congregation. The parish of All Saints, in which this Congregation is situated, has a population of 80,000. The Church accommodation of all denominations is ample, but is not availed of by the people, who are of the middle-class on the one side of Notting Hill Church, and the lowest class on the other. The Congregation dates from 1872. The Church premises are commodious, to which is being added a large hall for enlarged and more effective work. The membership is 371. The Session find it difficult to keep the roll absolutely correct, as many communicate at the Lord's Supper who, whilst interested and active in the work of the Congregation, are not

formally members. This is accounted for from the history of the Congregation, and that three-fourths of the people attending the services—of English birth and training—are attracted by the ministrations of Dr. Paterson, but as yet do not see their way to join a Presbyterian Church. The audience on the Lord's Day is 600 and 400 at the morning and evening services respectively. Visitation of the members is carried on with regularity by the Minister, and by the Elders on receiving intimation. The attendance at the weekly service is 40. It is followed by an Evangelistic service for the poorer classes of the neighbourhood; attendance, 80. From this meeting a few have been drawn into the Church. A Bible class service, instead of a school, is held on Sunday afternoon. Out of an increase of 81 last year to the membership, 52 were from the young people of the Congregation. Occasionally the Minister holds a communicants' class.

A most gratifying fact is that three-fourths of the membership capable of rendering service of any kind are engaged in work in the Congregation or in district Missions, the latter not always in direct connection with the Congregation. A large amount of work is being done, and, though it may not bear directly on Presbyterian interests, is apparently effective service for the Master. A Missionary, of the City Mission staff, works alongside of the Congregation in the district around. There are in addition two Bible Women Nurses, most useful; two Mothers' Meetings, a Dorcas Society, a Band of Hope, a Home for Aged Poor, four Bible classes, with an attendance of 70, a class for Domestic Servants, two Mission schools, with 50 teachers and 400 scholars. The Deputies were gratified to find so much activity and spiritual results as in the increase of membership from the young. Not a year passes but a few scholars in the Mission schools join the Church, but not always the Presbyterian Church, and from the Mission school and Congregation, six from the former and two from the latter have gone to labour in the China Inland Mission. The only suggestion the Deputies would make is a greater concentration of work in the interests of the Presbyterian Church.

6. WESTBOURNE GROVE.—The special feature of the population in which this Church is situated is the enormous number of young men and women in such business establishments as Whiteley's, &c., amounting in Whiteley's alone to 5,000, of this number 3,000 being young women. The Church's accommodation of all denominations is sufficient to meet the demand; a good deal of Evangelistic work is carried on by all the denominations and the Young Men's Christian Association.

In conference with the Minister and office-bearers and Congregation in the evening of November 3, 1887, from whom the Deputies received a most cordial welcome, it was found that a spirit of perfect harmony existed in the Congregation, and a willingness on the part of the office-bearers and members to co-operate with the Minister and with one another in Christian work, both within and beyond the Congregation. The membership, at the last revision of the roll, was 229; the attendance at Sunday morning and evening services is 250 and 130 respectively; the week evening service, conducted by Minister and people, has an average attendance of 30.

The strength of this Congregation, if not in numbers, is its solid unity, its liberality for Congregational and Home Mission work, and the large proportion of the members who are engaged, in heart and hand, in doing service for the Presbyterian Church, and also in ways that do not appear in the Synod books. Besides the ordinary operations of Sunday School, with 25 teachers and 178 scholars, there are Dorcas and Temperance Societies, Bible classes for young men and young women, and Boys' Brigade, and a branch of the International Bible-reading Association, with 203 members. A Missionary,

on the staff of the City Mission, works in the district, visiting amongst the working classes, the Sunday evening service in connection therewith being conducted by members of the Congregation. Many of the members take an active interest in a Home for Young Women, the internal furnishing of which was supplied by a member of the Church. A good deal of benevolent and Christian work is done quietly. As many as three Missionaries, in addition to the one already mentioned, are supported by individual members. A Mission amongst the French in the neighbourhood is carried on in the same private way, whilst the Women's Christian Association gives special attention to domestic servants, the attendance being 64.

The office-bearers deeply bewail the lapsing of so many Scotchmen of the shopkeeping and artisan class from all Churches—a grave fact, not only here but elsewhere in London, which should have the attention of the Synod. Where so many agencies are at work it is difficult to find a place for another; still, the Deputies would venture to suggest that a Communicants' Class, during a few months of the year, would give Ministers and Elders an opportunity of bringing the duty of early Christian decision before the young of the Congregation.

7. SOUTH KENSINGTON.—The Deputies met with the Minister and office-bearers, and thereafter with the Congregation. This Church is situated in the midst of fashionable London, where the rental of dwelling-houses ranges from £200 to £1,000 per annum, and besides the ordinary ministrations of the Word on the Lord's Day and the Sunday School, the immediate neighbourhood does not afford a field for aggressive Christian agencies, or it presents peculiar difficulties in attempting to carry on such work. The Minister and office-bearers grieve over the great indifference to religion and active religious work which prevails around them—the current of Sunday desecration, social dining parties, the enormous number of lapsed Presbyterians. The principal work of the Congregation is confined to the Sunday services in the Church and in the Sunday School. The attendance on the Lord's Day is about 350 at the morning and 170 at the evening service—three-fifths of the audience being Episcopalians. The Sunday School is purely Congregational, with 80 scholars and 13 teachers, 11 of whom are members of the Church, the membership of which is 207. The week evening service is attended mainly by servant girls. There is also a servants' class, most useful, with 40 or 50 on the roll, and 23 in attendance. The Band of Hope has 52 on the roll. There is a working party, which contributes annually a box of wearing material to the Poonah Mission. Whilst acknowledging the peculiar surroundings of the Church, and the difficulty arising out of these surroundings for aggressive work, the Deputies are of opinion that much more might be attempted in originating a Young Men's Association for devotional and literary purposes, a Communicants' Class, and specially a *Home Mission Agency* in a district of Kensington not far off. No agency of this kind exists at present. The enormous number of lapsed Presbyterians in the neighbourhood is a matter for the Presbytery and Synod's serious consideration.

8. KENSINGTON.—The Deputies visited this Congregation on November 7, 1887, and had a long and most friendly conference with the Minister and office-bearers, and afterwards with the Congregation. The attendance of office-bearers was very good, and all of them take a warm and active interest in the varied work of the Congregation. In this fashionable part of London the chief obstacles to Sabbath observance and Church attendance are Sunday dining, Sunday travelling, and religious indifference. The Church accommodation of all kinds is more than equal to the demand, but not equal to the need. The various Churches in the locality, besides the usual Sunday

service, carry on a good deal of Evangelistic work by Gospel meetings and open-air preaching. The progress of our Congregation is steady, and on the whole satisfactory; the Minister and office-bearers are fully alive to the wants and difficulties of the place, and are and have been taking steps for more vigorous and aggressive work. The Church premises have been lately renovated; but the great want is sufficient side accommodation for Sunday School and other agencies, and a Hall of some kind in which to carry on Home Mission work amongst the working class not far off. Towards the latter the sum of £1,600 has already been subscribed. Meanwhile a Hall is hired in a district of 400 families, and other arrangements are in contemplation for making this branch of Christian work more effective. The membership of the Church is 234. Complaint is made of the number that disappear, both of members and seat-holders, without leaving any definite information as to where they have gone. The attendance on Sunday morning and evening is 300 and 200 respectively. There are two Sunday Schools, the morning School for children of the Congregation—the afternoon being a Mission School. These, with Literary Society for young men, Bible classes conducted by the Minister and others for young women and domestic servants, Dorcas and Benevolent Societies, are the indications that this Congregation will ere long, with the Divine blessing on the ministration of Mr. Moinet and his able coadjutors, become strong for a blessed work in a neighbourhood where the rich and poor meet together, and need the one Gospel of Jesus Christ.

JAMES MUIR.

THOMAS P. DODS.

SECOND GROUP.

Visited by Dr. MACLAGAN, of Berwick, with the Rev. JAMES MELLIS, M.A., of Southport, in the first two Congregations, and the Rev. J. T. McGAW, M.A., of Manchester, in the remainder.

1. ST. JOHN'S WOOD, MARLBOROUGH PLACE.—The Deputies met with representatives of the Session and members of Committee; afterwards with the Congregation in the Church. Though not large in proportion to the size of the Congregation, this meeting was felt to be a hearty one. Both Deputies addressed it, and on the following Sunday one of them occupied the pulpit at the morning service. A large, indeed overflowing, Congregation was present, as always is the case with this very prosperous and living Church. Minister and office-bearers welcomed the visitation in the most cordial manner. Full and deeply interesting details of extensive work in the Congregation and its Mission district were supplied. The limits of this report forbid lengthened reference to these; but it was perfectly obvious to your Deputies that an able and earnest ministry has gathered round it many devoted Christian workers, in office and out of it, whose labours in the Lord are being singularly blessed. Begun in 1852, this Congregation has had an interesting history of progress under successive pastorates, till now it shares with but one or two others the foremost place in the Presbyterian Church of England. The weekly service is skilfully varied as regards the subjects of address, and the attendance is large and growing. There are three Sunday Schools, four Bible classes, with six or seven societies and associations for promoting various kinds of Christian work. The young are largely provided for through these agencies, while in addition there is a sermonette for the young by Dr. Gibson weekly at the morning service. Reference must also be made to the flourishing Mission carried on at Kilburn, in which this Congregation is deeply and actively interested. In connection with it numerous and varied agencies are doing all manner of good work,

week day and Sunday, and the Deputies were interested to learn that there are many cheering evidences of spiritual results. Speaking generally, it would be difficult to find a more healthy Congregation than St. John's Wood. The communicants, including the Kilburn roll, number about 950. Besides visiting, the Minister arranges to meet the members in social gatherings, the various Elders' districts being invited by rotation. These gatherings are held in the Lecture Hall, and prove useful as well as being much appreciated. The Church is a handsome structure, and in itself suitable for the large congregations that worship in it. There seems to be rather a lack of accommodation otherwise for the numerous classes and societies. The Lecture Hall was under repair at the time of our visit. The site is not large enough to permit of much extension of the buildings.

2. MARYLEBONE, UPPER GEORGE STREET.—This Congregation is like 'a city set on a hill,' made prominent in no ordinary degree by the eloquent pulpit gifts of its minister, Dr. Fraser. These not only keep together the large Congregation itself, but attract hundreds of occasional worshippers to the services on the Lord's Day. The Christian work carried on is varied and extensive, that in connection with the Bell Street Mission exhibiting features of special interest and encouragement. The Deputies, on visiting Marylebone, found almost the entire Session and Deacons' Court assembled with the Minister to welcome them. An interesting conference was held, in the course of which most touching and earnest testimony was borne to the spiritual results of the Sunday School work. There are in all three Sunday Schools, with various other organisations actively and successfully promoting the welfare of the young. The Communion Roll is beautifully kept, and contains about 900 names. Although there is an able staff of Elders, there is no division of the Congregation into districts assigned to each. But arrangements are made by which members of the Congregation may easily communicate either with Minister or Elder, should they so desire.

Much interest centres in the Bell Street Mission already referred to. Besides direct Evangelistic work, including open-air preaching, special departments lay themselves out for the benefit of men, women, and young people severally. In regard to the first of these, the Deputies were told of a Working Men's Club, numbering about 500 members. This and other agencies are doing good work among the infidel classes of the neighbourhood. Temperance work gets a prominent place. By Mothers' Meetings and other means the women and girls of the district are being reached. There is a very successful class for young men, conducted by a lady. In these and other ways, too numerous to mention, this Congregation is showing life and doing valuable work for the Master. The public work which its Minister, Dr. Fraser, does for our Church as a whole, and for the Christian Church generally, is well known and very abundant. And being work from which he cannot be spared, his Congregation have recognised the necessity of lightening his labours in the pastorate by proposing to give the help of an assistant minister. When this is carried out it can hardly fail to be of the greatest service to this large and most important Congregation.

3. KENTISH TOWN.—During the short but devoted pastorate of the late Mr. Whitmore, extending over some five years, this Congregation greatly increased in strength and usefulness. The Communion Roll rose from 40 to 300, and the Sunday School from 220 to 550. At the time of our visit the present Minister had just been settled, and the Congregation were inspired with new life and hope, which will soon lead, we trust, to important results. The field is an inviting one for aggressive effort. It is a working class district, the people being engaged chiefly in the pianoforte and railway industries. Sabbath desecration, betting, and secularism are prevalent; and

there is a strong recoil to Ritualism. The work of the Sunday School is hampered by want of suitable accommodation; and the Congregation is obliged to rent a Board School, which involves both expense and inconvenience. Temperance work is carried on with vigour, especially in the Band of Hope, which has a membership of 220. The weak points of the Congregation are its relation to the missionary and other schemes of the Synod, and its want of special districts for the Elders; but these weak points will doubtless be strengthened, now that the heavy debt originally resting upon the Church property has been so much reduced, and a young Minister of so much ability, zeal, and energy settled in the pastorate.

4. WHITEFIELD.—This little Church is a model of life, and brightness, and devotion. It is placed in the midst of a dense population, whose moral and religious condition is gross in the extreme. Theatres, music-halls, and dram-shops have produced their usual crop of vice and stolid indifference to Divine things. The work of the Church and the Mission Hall is carried on with unflagging zeal and unsparing effort by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, assisted by a missionary, a Bible woman, and a staff of earnest workers. One of the lady workers resides in the Mission Hall, and devotes her whole time and strength to various forms of Christ-like service. The Mission Hall is open every night, and admirable work is done in connection with the Dorcas Society, the Mothers' Meeting (which has a membership of 110, and is self-supporting), Sunday services for the blind, the visiting of low lodging-houses, and weekly Gospel Temperance meetings. The attendance at public worship on the Lord's Day is good, and the Elders are zealous and effective workers. The Congregation shows exemplary loyalty to the schemes of the Synod, and contributes generously towards the cost of its own aggressive work. But it is unable to provide a stipend for its devoted and self-sacrificing Minister; and your Deputies have ventured to invite the attention of the Presbytery of London to this anomaly, with a view to securing exceptional arrangements for a Congregation which is carrying on a work of such exceptional interest.

5. SOMERS TOWN.—The problem of a Working Men's Church has been solved here with signal success. Sixteen Elders, forty-one managers, and a membership of nine hundred, is a remarkable record for a Congregation that became fully organised only eleven years ago. Thanks to the large-hearted generosity of the late Mr. Andrew Wark, and other friends at Regent Square and elsewhere, the Church buildings, which are free of debt, are spacious and suitable, and the King's Cross Theatre has been secured as a Mission Station and outpost for the Congregation. Mr. Woffendale is a man of indefatigable energy and indomitable perseverance, and he is the chosen leader of a large band of willing and effective workers, who carry on extensive and successful Evangelistic and Temperance work. Well-attended Sunday afternoon and evening services are conducted in the King's Cross Theatre, and are valuable feeders of the Church. Throughout the summer months open-air meetings are held at three or four stations every Sunday evening; one is held on Sunday mornings, and another during the week. Special arrangements are also made to check the efforts of a band of infidels, who have a station at the Midland Arches. The Temperance Society holds weekly meetings, and upwards of 600 pledges have been taken during the past two years. The Deputies were deeply interested in the large class conducted by the Minister and Elders for the preparation of catechumens. They also record with interest the special provision made every Sunday afternoon for members of the Congregation residing at a distance, in order to enable them to remain for the service and the Evangelistic work in the evening. Tea is provided for them in the Lecture Hall at a nominal charge, and

then a Service of Praise is held till the hour of public worship draws near.

There are two things in the life and work of this Congregation which, in the opinion of the Deputies, admit of improvement. (1) The attendance at the morning service on the Lord's Day ought to be increased. At present it is only 250, as against 800 at the evening service. (2) The people ought now to begin to take a deeper interest in Foreign Missions and the other schemes of the Synod. Naturally enough, they are specially interested in the mass of home heathenism by which they are surrounded; but a broader outlook and wider sympathies would alike honour their Lord and secure reflex blessing for themselves.

6. REGENT SQUARE.—The best traditions of this historic Church are being maintained, and even surpassed. Although its natural parish, in the neighbouring squares, is largely occupied by a Jewish population, it has a membership of nearly 850, and carries on aggressive Christian work which is remarkable alike for its vigour and extent, its healthy tone, and its skilful adaptation to the varied wants of the several classes which it seeks to benefit. This work is organised at three centres—viz., Regent Square, Compton Place, and Somers Town.

Insufficient accommodation at *Regent Square* forms a great barrier to the full development of the congregational Sunday School, which is nevertheless maintained in vigour by the regularity and earnestness of the teachers. Among the ten or eleven excellent institutions at this centre, special interest attaches to the Young Men's Society and Mr. Robert Whyte's Bible Class for young men. The Society has had a long and honourable career as an apostle of thought and culture, and continues to discharge its functions with gratifying success. The Bible Class contemplates objects of first-rate importance in the moral and spiritual training of the young men who are to be the active workers of the near future; and, through the Divine blessing, these objects are being attained in considerable measure. The Regent Square Mission is carried on with many signs of blessing by the esteemed Assistant Minister, the Rev. J. B. Thorburn, whose zeal and spiritual ingenuity and kind-hearted sympathy have endeared him to all the Mission people. Of its various agencies, the most interesting seems to be the Working Men's Institute, which has lately entered upon a career of great promise. Like the Sunday School, the Mission suffers in all its departments from inadequate accommodation. The office-bearers of the Congregation recognise the urgent need of more suitable premises, and will not fail to provide them as soon as practicable. In the meantime the Sunday services are being held in Marchmont Hall, which has been hired for the purpose by a friend of the cause.

The *Compton Place Mission* is ably conducted by Mr. Countts and an earnest band of fellow-workers, numbering over thirty. In addition to the more usual organisations, a Boys' Brigade has been lately started, and is in vigorous operation. The space at our disposal only admits of our mentioning, as an indication of the great zeal and energy brought to bear upon the Mission, that no less than six meetings are held on every Lord's Day, and at least one on every other day of the week. The work is visibly blessed, and the workers are thus greatly encouraged.

The *Somers Town* work is large and full of interest. The Sunday School, which is held in the Aldenham Street Board Schools, is conducted with singular ability and devotion by Mr. James Robertson and a staff of fellow-workers numbering over 140. The afternoon and evening schools combined show a roll of above 1,700, with an average attendance of more than 700 in the afternoon, and nearly 400 in the evening. The junior Band of Hope,

the Boys' Brigade, and the Working Girls' Club are all well organised, and all doing excellent service. The annual Flower Show is a somewhat novel feature in connection with Sunday School work. The interest taken in it by the scholars has shown a steady increase ever since it was established, eleven years ago. More than 600 children residing in this densely-populated district now gladly avail themselves of the facilities offered for window-gardening. The humanising influence of such an institution is beyond dispute. The Aldenham Institute, in Goldington Crescent, has for its object 'the social, mental, and religious improvement of young men.' The membership exceeds 400, and the average attendance every evening is nearly 100. There are 30 classes in operation, 16 for general and commercial subjects, 9 for science and art, and 5 for technical instruction. Physical education is also provided for by a gymnasium, and by clubs for swimming, football, cricket, &c. The spiritual interests of the members are promoted by means of Bible classes, prayer meetings, and the Institute Guild, which has as its motto 'For Christ's Sake.' We were deeply interested in the Guild, and believe that it is likely to yield most valuable results by laying hold of young men at the very time when they are often lost both to the Sunday School and the Church. This admirable Institute owes its success, under God, to the spiritual tact and self-denying zeal of Mr. James Robertson and his colleagues.

The Deputies cannot close this report without placing on record their deep sense of the true brotherly courtesy with which they were received, and enabled to inspect all departments of the work. Nothing was left undone in order to make their visit the means of quickening and deepening the spiritual life of the Congregation. They must also add an expression of their devout thankfulness to the Head of the Church for the wealth of gifts and graces bestowed on Dr. Dykes, for the great services he is enabled to render both to his own Congregation and to the Church at large, and for the noble band of devoted workers of which he is the honoured leader.

7. BELGRAVE.—This Congregation was established in 1845 in George Street, Chelsea, and transferred to Halkin Street West, Belgrave Square, on the expiry of the lease of the Church, in 1866. During the interval between the translation of Dr. Sinclair Paterson to Notting Hill, in 1880, and the induction of Dr. Saphir, in 1882, the Church was rebuilt at a cost of about £5,000. The building is handsome, and in every way suitable for the situation. A Lecture Hall and an excellent suite of Church rooms are provided at the Cadogan Street Schools, which belong to the Congregation, and are settled on a Trust Deed similar to that of the Church. The Congregation is well organised and well worked. The membership is about 240, and the average annual revenue is over £2,000. The people contribute liberally to missions, and the Deputies hope that they will see it to be their duty to give greatly increased aid to the Sustentation Fund. The Congregational Sunday School is well managed, and has an average attendance in the afternoon of 18 teachers and nearly 150 scholars. The Mothers' Meeting, the Lads' Cricket Club, the Girls' Dorcas Society, and the Young Women's Bible Class are all in a healthy state and doing admirable work. The Band of Hope meets weekly, with an average attendance of 90, and a roll of nearly 200. The Young Men's Association is vigorous, and the Deputies note with pleasure that its meetings are occasionally devotional. The Stewart Memorial Mission, in Sloane Place, bears a highly honoured name, and is under the superintendence of Mr. Donald Matheson, whose whole-hearted devotion to such work is well known. He enjoys the co-operation of a 'working committee,' consisting of nine ladies and nine gentlemen, who in conjunction with him direct the work of a missionary and a Bible woman,

and also render much personal help in connection with the Gospel Services and Prayer Meetings, the Sunday School and the Bible Classes, the Mothers' Meeting, the Girls' Sewing Class, the Total Abstinence Union, the Band of Hope, and the Temperance Drum and Fife Band. The Mission is strong and effective, and is a means of great blessing to the district.

Our report of this Congregation would be incomplete without a reference to the Ladies' Missionary Working Association, which sends aid worth from £150 to £170 a year to the Poona Free Church Orphanage.

At the time of the visitation Dr. Saphir had just intimated his intention of resigning the pastorate. This announcement had cast a heavy gloom over the whole Congregation. Emphatic testimony was borne to the ability and earnestness of the Rev. Hugh Shearer, the esteemed Assistant Minister; but all felt that the withdrawal of Dr. Saphir from the Belgrave pulpit could not fail to prove an irreparable loss, and to involve the whole life and work of the Congregation in the most painful uncertainty. In these circumstances your Deputies could only express their fervent hope that some arrangement would be found practicable by which the eminent pulpit gifts of Dr. Saphir would continue to be placed at the service of the Congregation.

8. ISLINGTON.—As a preacher to young men, and as superintendent of the well-known undenominational services at the Agricultural Hall, Dr. Thain Davidson occupies a unique position of far-reaching influence. In his own Congregation he enjoys the willing and effective co-operation of a large band of office-bearers and other devoted workers. The monthly sermon to young men always attracts a crowded congregation, and the preacher has many evidences from time to time that his words are blessed. On ordinary occasions the Church is well filled, and it is gratifying to find that the morning and evening attendances are about equal. The Wednesday evening service is held in the Church, and the attendance varies from 150 to 200, of whom men form a larger proportion than is usual. Half of the office-bearers, and of the Congregation generally, are English, having been attracted by Dr. Davidson's earnest and popular ministry. Owing to the distances at which most of the office-bearers live, and the scattered character of the Congregation, an unusually large proportion of which is composed of units rather than families, it has not been found practicable to form Elders' districts. Your Deputies venture to express the hope that this difficulty may yet be overcome, so as to bring the office-bearers into closer touch with both the Church members and the adherents. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed on the first Sunday of each month, at morning and evening service alternately, and there is a good attendance of the communicants. The Sunday School is well organised, and draws in a large number of children whose parents do not attend any Church. Temperance work is not so prosperous as could be wished; but much healthy vigour is shown by the several literary, devotional, missionary, and benevolent societies connected with the Congregation. The Mission Hall at Wilmington Square is the seat of much hopeful work. Every Lord's Day there is a Children's Service in the morning, Sunday School in the afternoon, and an Evangelistic Service in the evening. During the week there are special services, popular entertainments, a Band of Hope, a Soup Kitchen, a Mothers' Meeting, and a Bible Class for men. The 'President Mission' is conducted in Moreland Street Board School. It is a well-worked district Sunday School and Children's Service, with an average attendance of 180.

The Evangelistic Services held on Sunday afternoons and evenings in the Agricultural Hall, and conducted by Evangelical ministers of all denominations, have been most successfully carried on by Dr. Davidson for nearly twenty years. The attendance averages 2,000 in the afternoon, and

is even larger in the evening. Occasionally the afternoon service is devoted to children. Dr. Maclagan was present on one of these occasions, and was greatly gratified to find Dr. Davidson with a youthful congregation numbering not less than 3,000.

J. T. MCGAW.
JAMES MELLIS.
P. W. MACLAGAN.

THIRD GROUP.

Visited by the Rev. JOHN SCLATER, of Manchester, and Mr. JOHN GUNN, J.P., of Cardiff.

1. ST. GEORGE'S, BRONDESBURY.—Nearly all the members of the Interim Session of this Church belong to St. John's Wood, which was being visited by Synod Deputies at the same time. The result was that the attendance of office-bearers was small. The attendance of the Congregation was good. This Church is situated between two populous districts—Kilburn and Willesden. The locality is growing, and within fifteen minutes' walk there is a considerable working-class population. The district, therefore, is a good one for Church extension and Evangelistic work. A hall has been erected at a cost of £1,085, of which £725 have been raised. The hall, which was opened in November 1886, can accommodate 215, and it is already beginning to be insufficient for the audience on Sundays. At the beginning of Mr. Welsh's ministry in June 1887 there were 20 members, mainly by transference from St. John's Wood, and the number has increased to 37. The increasing attendance at the prayer meeting and the amount of the weekly collections are features of encouragement at the beginning of an arduous but hopeful enterprise. There is a Sunday School, with 69 scholars on the roll, and 6 teachers, and a Choral Society, with a membership of 47. A spirit of brotherliness and heartiness was manifested, both at the conference and at the Congregational meeting, which augurs well for the future of the young cause. The erection of a Church is contemplated at an early date. The Deputies hope that the undertaking will receive all needful sympathy and help. St. George's requires, and will repay, generous pecuniary assistance at this important stage of its history.

2. HAMPSTEAD.—This Church was visited on Friday, 28th October. There was a good attendance of office-bearers. There were about 40 present at the Congregational meeting. In the growing district of Hampstead there are Churches of all Evangelical denominations, and these are working with reasonable harmony. Our Congregation was begun in 1844, and the present Church buildings, which are ample, were erected in 1862. The number on the roll at the time of Mr. Gillies's recent induction was 205, and it is increasing. The average attendance at public worship is 270. Inmates of the Hampstead Girls' Reformatory have formed part of the audience for the past thirty years. The Minister visits the Reformatory once a week. There are 7 Elders and 5 Deacons. The Elders are each in charge of a district. They visit the sick when requested, take part with others at the weekly prayer meeting, the attendance at which is good and improving, and assist the Minister at the evening service on the Lord's Day. The Congregation is well organised. A Literary Society, a Church Fellowship Association, a special class for the higher instruction of youth, a class for young people on Friday evenings, and for domestic servants at the close of the weekly prayer meeting, are among the agencies which have been in operation. The Sabbath School, which has 80 or 90 on the roll, is of a missionary character. There is not much room for the ordinary agencies of a Home Mission in the

immediate vicinity, but the members are largely employed in Christian work. Some of them take part in supplying Drury Lane Mission School. Two Bible women are engaged, at their expense, in the East End. The young ladies meet monthly for the despatch of copies of the *Missionary Record* to friends in Scotland. The people are in very good heart, and Mr. Gillies has made a hopeful beginning of his ministry at Hampstead.

3. OXENDEN CHURCH.—There was a large attendance of office-bearers at the Conference, and of members at the subsequent meeting. The Church was founded in 1737 in Oxenden Street, Haymarket. A removal was effected eleven years ago to Haverstock Hill. The old name has been retained from praiseworthy motives, but the Deputies think that another title, suggested by the present locality, would be more appropriate and helpful. The Church building can accommodate 600, and side galleries can be added. There is a lecture hall, capable of holding 250. The Church is situated between a working-class district on the one hand, and a residential neighbourhood on the other. There is no lack of Churches in the neighbourhood, and they are well attended. At the beginning of the ministry of Mr. Sillars, over three years ago, the membership was 80, and it has more than trebled itself during that period, being now 250. The average attendance on the Lord's Day is 300 in the morning, and 350 in the evening. Both services are preceded by a meeting for prayer, and that in the evening is followed by an Evangelistic service, which is held in the hall in winter, and in the open air in summer. There are 6 Elders and 12 managers. The Sunday School has 280 on the roll, and the teachers meet for prayer every Sunday, and for preparation once a month. Bible classes for young men and young women are held on Sunday afternoons. A Mothers' Meeting and a Penny Bank are held on Mondays, and a Band of Hope, with 160 members on the roll, meets on Fridays. A Ladies' Working Party, a Young Men's Society, and a Young Women's Society meet monthly. The Minister has encouragement in his ministry. There is one difficulty which the Deputies trust will soon be lifted out of the way. The Church buildings have a burdensome debt of £2,200. Surely the help needed to wipe off this debt, which presses heavily on pastor and people, will not be denied to a Congregation so willing as that of Oxenden.

4. CAMDEN ROAD.—This Church was visited on Tuesday, November 1. The number of office-bearers at the Conference was small. About 40 were present at the Congregational meeting. The weather was unfavourable, and the annual meeting of the Mission Band of Hope was held on the same evening, the date, it was explained, having been fixed for some time. Camden Road Church removed from Caledonian Road to Camden Road in 1868. The present buildings, which cost £12,000, and can accommodate 600, are sufficient for Church purposes. The average attendance at public worship is from 400 to 500, which is regarded as very encouraging. There are not many half-day hearers. The attendance at the prayer-meeting is from 70 to 100. There are 10 Elders and 9 Deacons, and the membership has been doubled during the four years of Mr. Thornton's ministry. About a half are English people, and the accessions are mainly English. A large number were added to the Church last year as the result of Evangelistic services. Mr. Thornton gives attention to pastoral work, having visited his Congregation six times in four years, and there are very few cases of lapsing. The young are well cared for. A children's address is given on Sunday morning, a monthly sermon is preached to young men, and a class is held for the higher instruction of youth. There are four Sunday Schools under the care of the Session, and nearly all the teachers are members. In the interests of temperance, there are two Bands of Hope and a young men's Guild. The Congregation has a vigorous Home Mission, and a missionary who has

access to special classes, such as servants, railway men, and policemen. An air of activity pervades Camden Road Church.

5. Highbury.—The visit to this church on Wednesday, November 2, was of special interest. The Deputies met in conference with twenty office-bearers. The attendance at the Congregational meeting was also large. The neighbourhood is residential, and the churches, which are numerous, are well attended, and are provided with an Evangelical ministry. The district is the centre of well-known Evangelistic agencies such as Mildmay Conference Hall and Agricultural Hall. The Congregation of Highbury grew out of the movement in the United Presbyterian Church, which had for its object the revival of that denomination in London. Highbury was begun in Myddelton Hall in 1859. The venerable senior pastor, Dr. Edmond, growingly beloved and esteemed by his brethren, was settled in 1860. The present buildings were erected in 1862. These are of a superior kind, and occupy a prominent position. The Church was fitly characterised by Mr. Spurgeon at the opening services as sensible, well lighted, and handsome. The hall and class-rooms are beneath. The Congregation is exceptionally well organised. Its institutions include a Sunday School, a Teachers' Preparation Class, a class for the higher instruction of youth, a quarterly afternoon service for the young, a Sabbath Morning Fellowship Association, a Psalmody Association, and an Orchestral Society. The weekly prayer meeting has an average attendance of more than 100, and there are special meetings for prayer from time to time in connection with special events in the Congregation. There are missionary anniversary services as well as the annual meeting of the Congregation, and a network of other agencies, including two Sewing Societies, a Band of Hope and Temperance Society, and a vigorous Mission in Hoxton, of which a separate report is given by Mr. Watson, of Blackburn. The reports of the various Societies are submitted to the Session and engrossed in its minutes. Special care is taken in the oversight of the flock. A member of Session, who is not Session Clerk, is in charge of the Communion Roll. Every family is visited, if possible, annually, at furthest every two years. There are 16 Elders and 12 Managers, and an accession was about to be made to the Session. The membership at the date of the visitation was 495. The attendance at public worship is regarded as satisfactory, and is increasing. Nearly a third of the Congregation are English. Highbury is not without a variety of indications of a very large measure of spiritual life. There is a prevailing spirit of prayerfulness and harmony and willingness to work. The recent Presbyterian scheme for Evangelistic services had received the largest support from this Congregation. The junior Minister, the Rev. Peter Carmichael, M.A., B.D., was inducted in 1885, and the happiest relations subsist between the two pastors. The ministerial Deputy, on the following Sabbath, had the privilege of occupying Highbury pulpit, and of preaching to a large and attentive Congregation. The Communion was held at the close of the service, when Dr. Edmond presided. It was good to be there. The Deputy then met with the Session for brief greeting and prayer. He also visited the Congregational Sunday School with the senior Minister, and spoke to the scholars in the lecture hall, and afterwards to the teachers in the session room.

The Hoxton Mission in connection with this Congregation was visited by Mr. James A. Watson, who reports as follows:—'From what could be seen of the work on a Sunday afternoon and evening, this Mission appears to be a living branch from a fruitful vine. The surroundings of the building and its interior not being very attractive, the thorough interest in the work manifested by the large staff of teachers, &c., is all the more praiseworthy. After speaking to the adult class taught by the missionary, Mr. Double, in

an adjoining house for want of more class-room accommodation in the main building, and a visit to the infant class rooms and the junior department, your Deputy addressed the upper school, and subsequently the teachers when assembled for united prayer, and for a blessing to rest upon a fellow-worker leaving for America. After tea together with the workers, followed by praise, Bible reading, and prayers for special blessings upon the evening engagements, the Deputy conducted the Evangelistic service in the upper room, about 120 adults being present, whilst the meetings for the juveniles and the Boys' Brigade were going on in the lower rooms. The day's services were concluded by a praise and prayer meeting, well attended, and the impression left was that much rich fruit, both temporal and spiritual, cannot but result from such earnest, self-denying labours, put forth in dependence upon the aid of the Holy Spirit, who alone can make the desert blossom as the rose. Judging by the large number of societies in active operation in connection with this Mission, such as Colportage, District Visitation, Tract Distribution, Open-air Services, Mothers' Meeting, Sick Relief Fund, Self-help, Provident and Investment Societies, Coal Club, Penny Bank, and Flower Show Associations, Children's Sunday and Week-day Services, Band of Hope and Total Abstinence Work, Christian Band, Boys' Brigade, and Mutual Improvement Society, and a Church membership of about 160, with some 750 scholars on the Sunday School roll, one cannot but think that the workers here and the friends at Highbury who support them believe that lukewarmness should never be found in Christian work, but whatsoever is done should be done whole-heartedly.'

6. CROUCH HILL.—This Church was visited on Thursday, November 3. Nine office-bearers were present at the Conference. The attendance of the Congregation was large. The Rev. Dr. Murphy had received a call from the Congregation of Elmwood, Belfast, and it was understood that he was to accept the invitation. The office-bearers and members were resolved to do their utmost to retain their Minister. The Deputies record their appreciation of the heartiness and tact with which Dr. Murphy, in these circumstances, helped them to gain the object of their visit, and their sense of the loss sustained by our Church in his removal to Belfast.

The Congregation is of recent origin. The hall was opened in 1876, and the Church in 1878. The cost of the Church was £6,500, and the debt resting on it is £1,089. The hall is too small for the Sunday School. Larger rooms and more of them are required. During the four years of Dr. Murphy's ministry, the membership has increased from 154 to 308. There were 7 Elders and 12 managers. An addition was about to be made to the Session. The attendance at morning worship averaged 500, and at the evening service 250. The English element in the Congregation is small. The attendance at the prayer meeting is from 30 to 40. There is a Psalmody Association, with an average attendance of 72, and Ladies' Sewing Meetings are held monthly. The Congregation is divided into districts, and the Elders visit half-yearly with Communion cards. Every family has been visited by the Minister at least once a year.

In the interests of the young, an address has been given at the morning service, followed by a children's hymn and the Lord's Prayer. Dr. Murphy has also conducted a class for the Higher Instruction of Youth. A Bible Study Society on Sunday evenings, with a membership of 73, and a Literary Society are in existence. There are two Sunday Schools—one Congregational, the other Mission—with a united staff of 50 teachers, and having nearly 600 scholars on the roll, and there is a Band of Hope, with upwards of 100 members. A Mission was begun over three years ago. A hall has been built at a cost of £850. There is no salaried agent, but there is a band

of from 60 to 70 workers. The usual Mission agencies are carried on with vigour. There is increasing vitality in every branch of Church work.

7. **STOKE NEWINGTON.**—The Deputies visited this Church on Friday, November 4. Twelve office-bearers were present at the Conference. The attendance of the Congregation was good. The neighbourhood is purely residential, and is growing. There are no shops within a quarter of a mile of the Church. Public-houses are not allowed in the locality, and the churches, of which there are a considerable number, are well attended.

Stoke Newington arose out of a movement on the part of Presbyterians in the district, who were compelled, in consequence of distance, to choose the alternative of joining other denominations, or of taking needful steps for the formation of a Presbyterian Church. A preaching station was begun in 1880, the friends meeting in the Assembly Room. The Rev. A. C. Alexander was settled in 1883. The present Church was opened in 1884. It is seated for 720, and cost £4,500. A hall, vestry, and manager's room were in course of erection at the time of the visit of the Deputies. These additional buildings were to cost £1,100, and it was expected that they would be completed by the close of the year. The hall is seated for 300.

During Mr. Alexander's ministry the membership has increased from 28 to 177. The attendance at morning worship is 600, and is growing; at the evening service it is 250. The English element, which is about 20 per cent., is increasing. There are 4 Elders and 12 managers. The Elders are managers *ex officio*. The Congregation is divided into districts, which are visited by the Elders three times a year. The Minister visits about 16 families a week, and the entire Congregation two or three times annually. The prayer meeting, which was held in the Church and which had an average attendance of about 30, it was expected, would be better attended when the hall was built. Various agencies are in operation, including a Congregational Sabbath School, with 150 scholars on the roll, and 14 teachers, all of whom are members of the Church; a Mission School, with 100 scholars on the roll, and 12 teachers, all of whom, with two exceptions, are also in full communion; a Sabbath Morning Fellowship Association; a class for the Higher Instruction of Youth, held by the Minister of his house; a Psalmody Association, with a membership of 40; a Branch in the Women's Missionary Association; Ladies' Sewing Meetings, which are held monthly, and occasional Evangelistic services. Funds for missions are raised by cards. The outlook at Stoke Newington is encouraging. The people are willing to work and willing to give. A warm family feeling pervaded the Conference and the meeting, and it was evident from the testimony of the office-bearers that Mr. Alexander had gathered around him an attached and appreciative people.

8. **CANONBURY.**—The Ministerial Deputy and Mr. Robert Morton, of Regent Square, in the enforced absence of Mr. Gunn, visited this Church on Monday, November 7. Nine office-bearers were present at the Conference. The attendance of the Congregation was good. Canonbury Church is situated in a district inhabited by a middle-class population, including a large number of Jews and Germans. The number of public-houses is rather below the average. In the neighbourhood there is a Secular Hall, which is chiefly used as a club and dancing-room. The various churches in this locality are not well attended. They were represented as not more than half filled. The prevailing cause was said to be indifference. Our Church here was founded more than two centuries ago. An interesting account of its history has been published by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, under the title, 'Memorials of the Old Ministers.' The Congregation was formed in Founders' Hall in 1670, was removed to London Road in 1679, and to Canonbury in

1857. The present Church was opened in 1859. There is also a Manse, and a Lecture Hall has just been built, but there is a debt on it of more than £600. The accommodation is quite inadequate for Sunday School purposes. There are no class-rooms.

Mr. Wilson was settled seven and a half years ago. The present membership is 155. The average attendance on Sunday morning is 55 adults and about 30 children; in the evening, about 150 in all. An address is given to the young at the morning service, and a children's hymn is sung. There are 6 Elders, two of these being interim members of Session; and 10 managers. The Elders have districts and roll-books, but they do not systematically visit their districts, this being deemed impracticable. At the prayer meeting, the average attendance is 45. There are two Sunday Schools—one held in the Church, the other in the Board School, in the immediate vicinity, with a united staff of 40 teachers, and having on the roll upwards of 300 scholars. The other agencies include a Young Men's Fellowship Society, a class for the Higher Instruction of Youth, a Literary Society with 45 members, a Branch of the Women's Missionary Association, a Juvenile Missionary Association, and a weekly choir practice. The Congregation is mainly English, the Scottish element having almost entirely disappeared from the neighbourhood. There was an advance, it was stated, in spiritual life, as shown in the restoration of some who had lapsed, in the number of Christian workers, and in the improved attendance at the prayer meetings of the teachers.

9. HIGHGATE.—The Ministerial Deputy preached in this Church at the evening service on Sunday, November 6, to a most encouraging Congregation. It is unnecessary to enter into details as to the origin of Highgate. The site was secured two years ago by one of our well-known and public-spirited Elders, who was supported by other like-minded men, whose faith and judgment in this matter seem likely, ere long, to be amply vindicated. Under the care of the Church Extension Committee of the London Presbytery, the movement was prosecuted with vigour. A Church suitable to the locality, and capable of accommodating 650, was opened in September last, at a cost of £7,500, of which amount £3,000 have already been paid without local effort. An Interim Session has been appointed, consisting of 9 Elders, of whom 6 are members of the Church Extension Committee. Two certificates of membership had been received, and over 100 sittings had been let. The pulpit has been supplied mainly by Ministers of the Presbytery of London, and the attendance at public worship has generally ranged from 300 to 400. This is a good field for an enterprising, able man.

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FOURTH GROUP.

Visited by the Rev. JOHN BOGUE, M.A., of Stockton-on-Tees, and Mr. THOS. MATHESON, of Liverpool.

This group of Congregations takes in the eastern part of London, where we have 9 Churches. The Deputies commenced their visitation on Wednesday, October 26, and finished it on Monday, November 7. They were most kindly received everywhere, and, though the evening meetings were not large in any place, there were some very sympathetic audiences.

This immense area contains a vast working-class population, much mixed in kind; the well-to-do artisans are largely represented in tenements specially built for such; the very poor are perhaps still more numerous, living, it is not easy to say how, upon casual earnings and scant wages for such industry as is open to them. The mercantile and comparatively wealthy classes have almost entirely migrated to suburban districts. But in some quarters there remain colonies of Jewish residents, usually possessed of means, who have entered on the better residential parts vacated by that migration.

No one who visits the East of London can fail to observe the large supply of glaring gin palaces, which show every sign of carrying on an active trade, and the close vicinity of masses of poverty is suggestive. But a large amount of earnest Christian and philanthropic work ministers to the varied wants of the community. In addition to the regular churches and chapels, numerous Mission Halls are to be found, around which there is generally a great deal of warm sympathy and self-denying activity. But there is also the danger of pauperising, and the Deputies heard cases of the ordinary work suffering by the attractions of the extraordinary, where no pew-rents and no collections are asked.

Its proximity to the East of London makes Epping Forest almost a suburb, to which numerous excursion parties proceed on Sundays, causing serious disturbance along the several routes, interrupting in many cases the quiet of the sanctuary, and creating an unsettled feeling among the people.

1. SOUTH HACKNEY.—This Congregation had been but recently admitted to the Church by the Presbytery of London.

Our visit happily coincided with the first meeting of the Provisional Session, so that this Congregation had an early experience of the benefits of Presbyterial oversight.

The meeting of Session was presided over by Dr. Edmond—with whom were present thirteen of the Congregational Committee, the pastor, Rev. S. Hester, and two Presbyterial Assessors. We were most kindly introduced by Dr. Edmond, and cordially received by the office-bearers, who seemed thoroughly to appreciate the object of the visitation. The Congregation at the date of our visit had been in existence two and a half years as an *Independent* Church, organised on Congregational lines, but not recognised by the Congregational Union. The Rev. Samuel Hester, who has been their pastor for over a year, continues under the new *régime* as their Minister-elect, and will be inducted after his admission by the Synod. We were gratified to learn that notwithstanding the disadvantages connected with their place of meeting—a not very attractive public hall—the average attendance on the Lord's Day was in the morning 200, and in the evening 350; and that there is a membership of about 200. A peculiar feature in this Congregation is a Guild for young people of both sexes—meeting fortnightly—for intellectual and spiritual exercises, ladies as well as gentlemen taking part; and more than merely *young* people attend, if we may judge by those present on the occasion of our visit, which happened to be on the regular night of meeting. We had an audience of about 100 apparently middle-class people, who seemed much interested in the explanations given of the object of our visit, and listened with attention to the words of exhortation addressed to them. When Dr. Maclagan visited and addressed the Congregation on the following Sunday evening there were 250 present.

The impression produced then on him, as well as on both Deputies on the Wednesday evening, was decidedly favourable, pointing to a hopeful future for this our youngest Congregation.

2. CLAPTON.—Here we found, occupying a most advantageous site, a very beautiful and commodious Church. It stands at the junction of two converging roads, and faces the open space of Hackney Downs. It was built at a cost of over £7,000; was opened in 1871; and by patient and repeated efforts and much liberality the debt upon it has been brought down to £250. The Rev. Matthew Davison has been Minister of the Congregation since its commencement in 1861, and deserves a hearty and thankful recognition by the Church of the manifold labours undergone, and the personal sacrifices made by him in connection with the gathering of a Congregation, and the erection of this beautiful place of worship.

In conference with the Minister and office-bearers, we learned that the Congregation had been losing families formerly connected with it, who had removed to districts more suburban; and the numbers in regular attendance are diminishing. It was stated that there is a tendency on the part of heads of families to absent themselves from the house of God. Clapton appears to be well supplied with churches, since, as we were informed, there are within six minutes' walk from the Presbyterian Church as a centre fifteen places of worship, and at no great distance ten others. The population, however, is said to be changing in character, the best families migrating in the direction of Stoke Newington; and the casual element in the population is taken up by Mission Halls. It was at the same time admitted that there are many non-church-going *Scotch* people in the district.

We were gratified to find that some active work was being done amongst the young. Besides the Congregational Sunday School, which Mr. Bogue had the privilege of visiting on the following Sunday afternoon, there is a *Mission* School, where a service for children is held on Sunday morning. It is worthy of special note that the missionary contributions of the scholars attending the Congregational School have, for the last twelve or fourteen years, maintained a native evangelist in China.

At the meeting with the Congregation, when about 60 or 70 were present, both Deputies addressed the people, urging them to seek after a fuller measure of spiritual life, so as to enter on the privilege of individual witness-bearing for Christ. Mr. Bogue occupied the pulpit on the Lord's Day morning, when about 200 were present.

The impression left on the minds of the Deputies by what was said, and what they saw, was that there is need for the vitalising Power from on high, and they see no reason why this cause should not, with fresh zeal and energy, make an impression on the district, and become a strong and prosperous Congregation.

3. STRATFORD.—The Minister of this Congregation having recently resigned, Dr. Edmond, as Moderator of the Session, presided over the meetings with the Session and the Congregation. The Church is favourably situated in the midst of a large population, almost entirely of the artisan class; important railway works employing some 4,000 men in the several branches of this industry. Except in the matter of class-rooms, the accommodation provided for Church work is amply sufficient. The present membership is 250; the average attendance on the Lord's Day is—in the morning 200, in the evening 300. There is a flourishing Sunday School, with 260 scholars and 28 teachers, but further development in this direction is barred by the inadequacy of the accommodation; there are no Bible Classes for the young. The Congregation does not take part in Mission work of any kind. There is here a most hopeful field for an energetic and

earnest ministry; and the Congregation at Stratford deserves the sympathetic interest and help of the Church at large. Mr. Bogue occupied the pulpit on the evening of the Lord's Day, when 250 were present.

4. BOW ROAD.—The Church occupies a prominent position on the main thoroughfare, but apparently is not in the best position to suit the artisan class, who live beyond a considerable belt of streets occupied by the very poor. The Congregation has passed through a severe ordeal of untoward circumstances which hindered its growth, and it has never attained to strength. The present Minister, Rev. W. Michael Smith, has been only a short time settled, but already there are indications of life and progress. It was stated to us that a large proportion of the Congregation on Sunday evenings consists of entirely new people. The Sabbath School has increased threefold, there being now 90 scholars and 13 teachers, 9 of the latter being Church members.

This Congregation is face to face with the prevailing poverty which is sadly characteristic of the East of London. The artisan population is out of sympathy with Christian ordinances, and much pride and self-indulgence prevail. But faith and prayer are mighty agencies, and there is much to encourage. This is a case where the cordial sympathy and co-operation of other Congregations, who might furnish workers, would be of the greatest advantage.

5. STEPNEY.—The Church is an excellent structure, recently renovated; commodious, though defective in School accommodation. It is surrounded by a working-class population, including the very poor. The Congregation had declined somewhat in numbers, but not in spiritual vitality, and since the present Minister, Rev. James Mackintosh, was settled in March 1887, there has been not only a steady increase in the ordinary attendance, but also distinct indications of rising spiritual life. There has been an increase in the membership, which is now 150; the average attendance on the Lord's Day being, in the morning 150, and in the evening 170. Mr. Bogue preached on the following Sunday evening, and reckoned about 200 present. The week evening service was stated to have from 35 to 50 in attendance. A series of Evangelistic services, recently conducted by members of Presbytery, had been followed by encouraging results. There is a large and lively Sunday School, recruited from the neighbourhood as well as from the Congregation, with 280 scholars and 26 teachers. Mr. Bogue had the privilege of visiting and addressing the School on the Sunday afternoon, when he found 224 scholars, with an excellent staff of teachers, who, directed by a retired ship captain as superintendent, made the most of the limited accommodation afforded by a somewhat inconvenient schoolroom. The conditions under which this Congregation must work in the future will be different from the past, but they recognise their mission to do the Master's work for the ingathering of souls, and they deserve sympathy and succour in a brave undertaking.

6. EAST INDIA DOCK ROAD.—This Church is situated in a side street off the main road, and has a very unattractive appearance. The cause was begun by the present Minister, the Rev. W. H. Edmonds, about twenty-three years ago. The population at that time was chiefly belonging to the various industries connected with shipping, and excellent service was done. The opening of new docks farther down has removed the population to these new districts, and now but few remain of the former class. The docks are empty, and shipbuilding yards idle. The Congregation is reduced in numbers, their financial ability is impaired; no accessions were received last year, and the Deputies found a somewhat depressed spirit and lack of spiritual energy. The average attendance on the Lord's Day is—in the

morning 120, and in the evening 100. Formerly the evening Congregation was the larger, and the change is attributed to the attractions of Mission Halls and of the Salvation Army.

But although the Congregation, numerically and financially, is in a somewhat depressed condition, there is still a good deal of spiritual life remaining; which needs, however, to be strengthened and developed in order that the Congregation may fulfil its functions as a Church of Christ in the neighbourhood. At the same time the conditions are such as to render it unlikely that it will ever be a strong and self-sustaining Congregation, unless indeed the mighty power of the Spirit should come with such effect as to attract the surrounding people and make the Church a witness for Christ. Mr. Matheson addressed the Congregation at the close of the Sunday morning service. The work among the young seems to be energetically carried on. There are about 180 scholars in the Sunday School, with 14 teachers. The scholars take a prominent part in the Sunday School Union examinations. Two Bible Classes are connected with the School. On Sunday mornings the Minister has a class for the study of Hodge's 'Outlines of Theology,' and in the afternoon a Young Men's Class meets for the study of the Bible.

7. VICTORIA DOCKS.—Our experience here was unique. The Minister, Rev. W. Harris, had arranged that between the meeting with the office-bearers and that with the Congregation there should be a tea meeting, and the expedient was justified by the result. Although the night was very stormy and wet, there was a large attendance.

The calamitous breakdown in the sugar-refining industry has very seriously affected this Congregation, not only numerically by the removal from the district of many members and adherents, but financially by the discontinuance of the large annual contribution to the funds given by James Duncan, Esq. The office-bearers look forward hopefully to the result of the action of the Sugar Bounties Convention. The Minister is in good heart, notwithstanding many discouragements, and he is backed up by a sympathetic band of office-bearers. The low moral tone of the community in the heart of which the Church is situated is much against the cause. Some heads of families object to bring their children to the Church because of what they are likely to see and hear on the way. Hence the idea has been seriously entertained of removing the Church to Barking Road, where it would tap a more thrifty population, and also get rid of a heavy ground rent of £45 a year.

The present membership is 184; average attendance—150 in the morning, 250 in the evening. In the Sunday School there are 135 scholars, with 10 teachers. Until recently the Sunday School, which meets in a commodious schoolroom attached to the Church, was with the sanction of the Presbytery under the separate and independent control of the Rev. Dr. Hunter, formerly a missionary in India. The School came under the control of the Session when Dr. Hunter retired, but many of the elder scholars, devotedly attached to him, ceased to attend.

Mr. Matheson addressed the School on Sunday afternoon and the Congregation in the evening, and was much interested with both. There are indications of life and an excellent spirit in the Congregation, and Mr. Harris and his people deserve the sympathy of the Church in a somewhat arduous struggle.

8. MILLWALL.—This Church is small, unattractive, and in bad repair. There is an iron Hall attached, useful for small meetings, classes, &c.

The Cause at present has become very weak. When the late Minister retired a few months ago, but very few persons remained in connection with

it. It was then placed under the care of the Rev. Geo. Elder and his Session at Greenwich, and has already revived considerably.

There is a nucleus of earnest Christians—too few, however, yet to face the responsibility of a settled ministry; but if a suitable man were engaged for a period to preach and to visit, there is hope of again recovering the lost ground. An arrangement like that tried at Bermondsey for six months, but with time for visiting, might succeed in restoring the cause to its former level, but the place is too small and insignificant for a self-supporting Church. The population is numerous, containing many engineers and other skilled artisans, and a ministry of spiritual power would be likely to succeed if the Church could see its way to back it up for a series of years. The membership at present is 53; the average attendance in the morning being 50, and in the evening 35.

At the meeting with the Congregation, presided over by the Rev. Geo. Elder, there were 45 present, and the Deputies were much gratified with the hopeful spirit manifested by the office-bearers; and particularly with a cheery speech delivered by the Superintendent of the recently reopened Sunday School, in which he stated that on the previous Sunday there had been 98 scholars present, and that some of the former teachers who had withdrawn were likely to resume the work.

Mr. Matheson conducted the service on Sunday morning.

9. SILVERTOWN.—This Cause was established five years ago, and occupies a position midway between Silvertown proper and North Woolwich, amid a purely working-class population.

The building used as a place of worship, and intended to be the Lecture Hall of the future Church, stands upon building land not yet covered, and the Manse has been built beside it. The site for Church, Lecture Hall, and Manse has been bought and paid for, and there remains a debt on the Manse of £165. That the debt is on the Manse rather than on the Lecture Hall or site is somewhat of a disadvantage to the Congregation, as without a relaxation of the rules for the administration of the Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund they cannot obtain much needed assistance therefrom. They are hampered in their work by the inadequacy of their present premises, an extension of schoolroom accommodation being urgently required.

The people attending are mostly from Scotland and North of Ireland. English workpeople find our system of pew-rents, together with Sustentation Fund collections, too expensive.

The Minister, the Rev. F. Slade, was settled four years ago, and has had no small measure of encouragement in his work, in which he receives valuable aid in classes, &c., from his wife. There are indications of spiritual life among the people, and promise of growth.

The Communion Roll contains 131 names, the average attendance being—in the morning 80, and in the evening 150. The average attendance at the week-night service is 40, and 52 were present at the meeting with the Deputies. There are 110 children in the Sunday School, and 14 teachers. The Minister conducts a Bible Class composed of both sexes.

Mr. Matheson conducted the service on Sunday evening, and was much interested with the aspect of the people.

In bringing our Report to a close, it only remains for us to say how gratified we were to find that the interests of the young were so generally considered. In almost every case a children's hymn forms part of the morning service each Lord's Day, and a short address to the young is given periodically, fortnightly or monthly, if not every Sunday.

JOHN BOGUE.

THOMAS MATHESON.

FIFTH GROUP.

Visited by Rev. JOHN THOMPSON, M.A., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and
Mr. JAMES A. WATSON, of Blackburn.

1. CAMBRIDGE.—This Congregation has as yet no separate Church building, but meets in the Guildhall, and consequently labours under many and serious disadvantages. The population is about 40,000 in the town and suburbs, and the supply of Church accommodation very large, numbering some thirty places of worship. The special reasons for the establishment of a Presbyterian Church here are to meet the religious wants of the Presbyterian members of the University, and to form a fresh centre of spiritual life to the townspeople, and through Mission work to the outlying districts. The attendance at ordinances varies according to the quality of the pulpit supply, but averages about 150 in the morning, and nearly 200 in the evening, and is composed of three-quarter English and one-quarter Scotch; the membership is 53, with an average attendance of 30; the Sunday School numbers 60 on the roll, with a well-attended young women's class, but the male side is very weak. The Superintendent should be more actively supported in that section. Like the Church, this part of the work suffers from the want of a separate and suitable building. No visitation and no week-night meetings of any character are held, and it is surprising that with such a lengthened period of Sunday supply only, and the absence of pastoral oversight, &c., the cause has kept together. Praise for this is due to a faithful few. This state of matters the Deputies were pleased to learn would soon be terminated, the representative of the London Presbytery (G. B. Bruce, Esq.), who was with them at the meetings with the Committee and the Congregation, stating that a central site had been secured, that £3,500 had been subscribed, that building would soon be commenced, when he expected that many other friends of the Presbyterian Church in England would respond liberally to the call for the balance, £4,500, needed to efficiently carry out the scheme proposed. Much will depend upon the appointment of a Minister suited to the peculiar composition of the Congregation; but that secured, a wide sphere of usefulness can be confidently looked for among the large number of University men, who, influenced for good during their academic life, will be centres of spiritual life wherever they settle down, and also amongst the townspeople, many of whom go nowhere, and among whom a faithful and zealous preaching of the Truth cannot but be successful.

2. NORWICH.—Your Deputies here met under very bright and auspicious circumstances with the Minister, office-bearers, and people in a beautiful new school, some £600 having been expended, making upwards of £7,000 spent on the premises since the formation of the Church in 1867. This Church, like many others, has had its alternations of prosperity and adversity, but now seems to be inheriting the blessing promised to those who dwell in unity, and pray for the peace of Jerusalem. In this busy city of 100,000 people there is abundant scope for active Christian effort, with sadly too many public-houses (645), Sabbath profanation, cheap trips, &c., infidel lectures, profane swearing, and neglect of God's house. It was gratifying to learn that in various ways the Church here had united with other Christian organisations to try and stem the tide of iniquity, and could report spiritual results as seen in quickened spiritual life amongst themselves and evident tokens of a change of heart in some well known to them. The Church membership is now 250, beginning with 12, and the average Church

attendance about 400, which is considered good. The ministerial visitation was reported as good, and one special feature was the week evening service attendance, about 100 usually present. The Sunday School work is most encouraging, and the care of and instruction of the young people is recognised as a most important branch of 'Church work,' a class for the Higher Instruction scheme being conducted; and the gold medal has been won twice by a scholar here, as also the local Sunday School Union prize. A class for technical instruction is in operation to assist in solving the problem 'How to retain the elder scholars.' Special monthly addresses and quarterly gatherings are held to bring the Minister in touch with the young, and are considered successful. Sewing meetings, Band of Hope, Mission work, &c., testified to a lively interest in the Church being general, and not, as it often is, confined to a few. The Deputies addressed a well-attended Congregational meeting, and it is hoped their visit will bear fruit, and prove to this somewhat isolated Church that the Synod takes a deep interest in all its members, and has their prosperity greatly at heart.

3. IPSWICH.—This Church is situated in a first-class position, and architecturally is a beautiful structure, well adapted for its purpose. The school-room is small, and ere very long, with the steady growth that has characterised the Church and School life under the present Minister, ably supported by his office-bearers, will be found too small. This Church, founded in 1868, has had a chequered history, but for the last seven years has been gaining ground and becoming more and more a power for good in the town. The principal works here are the manufacture of agricultural implements and a large stay factory. The hindrances to religion are 'Sunday walking out,' about 300 public-houses, some of a low character; profane swearing is common, and has been sought to be put down by magisterial prosecutions. Infidelity has no strong hold, but indifference is sadly too common. Special Evangelistic meetings are held in the town, and following the visit of the Deputies a series was held in this Church. The office-bearers reported that while the Elders did not visit except in cases of sickness, the Minister made this a special point, and was warmly welcomed. Also special attention was called to family religion and Christian systematic giving; so that, excluding bazaars and fancy methods of raising money, the Church was highly spoken of for its liberality. The Dorcas Society and Band of Hope are doing a good work, and extra classes formed for the benefit of the young, Bible Bands, &c. The International Lesson is taught, and a Teachers' Class conducted by the Minister, who also gives a sermonette each Sunday morning. A gratifying statement was made as to a larger proportion of males in this Congregation than usual, and fully two-thirds are English. Many Presbyterians who come to the town, though visited, are lost to the Church. As might be expected from the pastorate of one who takes such an interest in the young, the Sunday School is a nursery for the Church, as it ought to be everywhere. Your Deputies were here asked why such a visitation had not taken place before, and the value of it was recognised, though the time allotted for all the Churches visited only in the week days was felt to be much too short for a satisfactory discharge of the duties devolving upon the Deputies, and for the full benefit of an interchange of opinion and experience as to proved methods of Church work and the best way to cultivate the spiritual life.

4. NEW BARNET.—This Church was visited twice on the week evening by both Deputies, when, after a conference with the office-bearers, they adjourned to a very pleasant social tea meeting, enlivened by good singing by the choir, and there they addressed the friends present, and gave a few seasonable words of encouragement and stimulus. One of the Deputies also

visited the school on the Sunday morning, and gave a short address at the close of the morning service on the privilege of being a fellow-labourer with God. The surroundings of this Church from a residential point of view are delightful, but as regards building up a large and prosperous Church the outlook at present is not promising—the district having four times as much Church accommodation as practically can be used—Churches having been built in the hope of a rapid growth of population which has so far not been realised. There are many encouraging features of common Christian work in which the different Churches unite, but the migratory character of those who come to this and like London suburbs is a very discouraging element in Church life. The status of many who come to reside here is such as to render it difficult to build up a new cause. Unless they are people really in earnest about religious matters they hold aloof from active Church work, are content with a once-a-day attendance, or stay away altogether. Opportunity for Evangelistic work is also difficult to get, except it be among the pleasure-seekers from London on the Lord's Day, and occasionally hay-makers, militiamen, &c. The small Church here has evidently a pastor beloved of his people, whose visitations are frequent and profitable, whose interest in the young is manifest, and whose earnest desire to do good none can gainsay. The office-bearers and people seem one in heart and mind; and with a larger field of labour and more favourable opportunities this Church would show more signs of growth. Some gratifying features in their work were noted—a Juvenile Dorcas Society, working for Dr. Lyall's Mission-field in China; the interest taken in a London Mission (Brewer's Court); the attention paid to the Service of Song; the sermonette and children's hymn each Sunday morning, &c.

5. TOTENHAM.—Your Deputies here met with four office-bearers and a fairly attended Congregational meeting. A good sign of life here was visible in a newly built Hall as an addition to the Sunday School, &c. This Church has a large field to work upon, but not the most promising materials. Public-houses abound. The Lord's Day is badly observed, and pleasure-seekers on that day are specially catered for at 'the Marshes,' and Epping Forest within easy distance. Infidelity and Socialism are boldly proclaimed at open-air services, and betting is rife. To overcome these hindrances, United Evangelistic Services are held, in which this Church takes a part. A fluctuating population is a great drawback. A striking feature in the Church attendance is that with a Church that can accommodate 500, and about 200 sittings let, the morning attendance was reported as about 300, and the evening average 150 to 170. Here, as elsewhere, the question as to the observance of 'family worship' could not be answered satisfactorily. Giving, as a Christian privilege, has been hardly enough inculcated. Visitation by the Minister was reported as 'good,' but it was mainly left to him, the Elders not being able to discharge that part of their duties. The office-bearers assist at the week-night service, at which the attendance averages 30. An encouraging feature is in the Sunday School department, which, having filled up the old accommodation, has necessitated an enlargement, and the Coleraine Mission has 236 scholars on the roll. Two Advanced Classes and a Minister's Bible Class are at work. While there is no special address to the children in the Church, the want is partly met by a children's morning service conducted by the Superintendent, attended by about 70 young people. Dorcas Meetings, a Band of Hope, and a Literary Society are amongst the organisations, and attention is given to the 'Higher Instruction' scheme. The number of office-bearers is small. The hope of the Church is in its rising Christian youth; and where they can be enlisted early into its service, so much the better for the Church and themselves. It

was here, again, felt that the time fixed for the Deputies prevented that full inquiry that is essential to complete knowledge of the state of any Church and all its organisations. One of the Deputies preached and assisted in dispensing the Lord's Supper on the following Sabbath morning. A good congregation.

6. WOOD GREEN.—This Church is situated in the centre of a busy working-class population. The influx of a large number of workers who go to and from the City has driven farther out many of the better class, so that here our Church has to illustrate the adaptability of Presbyterianism to all classes of the community. We have reason to believe that it is a Church successfully seeking to solve the problem how to secure the adhesion of active working men to Christian ordinances. We find that amidst prevailing intemperance, profanity, and violent and aggressive Socialism, and notwithstanding the multiplicity of churches, chapels, and various small 'isms,' this Church is growing steadily. Started in 1871 in a small hall, in 1875 35 Members were on the roll, now some 260 are communicants; an average morning attendance of 250, and 350 at the evening service. Testimony was given to the Gospel being faithfully preached, and the Minister pays special attention to visitation, and frequently alludes to the importance of regular attendance, family religion, and systematic giving—to the latter evidently with good effect, as shown by their liberality in clearing off very heavy expenditure incurred from time to time, and their proposal now to take up new ground with a Mission Hall. The total abstinence work is vigorously carried on, and appeals for workers to visit, distribute tracts, engage in devotional exercises, and Evangelistic services are heartily responded to. The Communion Roll shows about 70 Scotch and 190 English members. Evangelistic services had borne rich fruit among their own people, and many had been led to decision. Altogether the tone was encouraging, and the young Minister here has evidently kindred spirits around him, wishful and willing, to strengthen his hands and encourage his heart to every good work. One of the Deputies preached and assisted at the Communion service of Sabbath evening. The Church was well filled.

JOHN THOMPSON.
JAMES A. WATSON.

IV.
REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

CHINA AND INDIA.

MISSIONARIES.				<i>Station.</i>
* Rev.	George Smith, M.A.	...	... arrived in China,	1857. Swatow.
"	W. S. Swanson...	...	"	1860. Amoy.
"	H. L. Mackenzie, M.A.	...	"	1860. Swatow.
*	" W. Macgregor, M.A.	...	"	1864. Amoy.
*	" William Duffus ...	...	"	1869. Swatow.
"	William Campbell	...	"	1871. Formosa.
"	John C. Gibson, M.A.	...	"	1874. Swatow.
"	Thomas Barclay, M.A.	...	"	1874. Formosa.
"	Henry Thompson	...	"	1877. Amoy.
*	" Donald MacIver, M.A.	...	"	1879. Swatow
				(Hak-ka).
"	John Watson, M.A.	...	"	1880. Amoy.
"	William Thow, M.A.	...	"	1880. Formosa.
"	J. A. B. Cook ...	...	"	1881. Singapore.
"	A. L. MacLeish, M.A., M.B.	...	"	1881. Amoy.
*	" Wm. Riddel, M.A., M.B.	...	"	1881. Swatow
				(Hak-ka).
"	Alexander Gregory, M.A.	...	"	1888. Amoy.

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

Peter Anderson, L.R.C.S. and P., Ed....	arrived in China,	1878.	Formosa.
Dr. D. Morison	"	1878.	Rampore
			Bauleah.
* Alexander Lyall, M.B., C.M.	...	"	1879. Swatow.
David Grant, M.B., C.M.	...	"	1880. Amoy.
* John F. McPhun, M.B., C.M.	...	"	1882. Swatow
			(Hak-ka).
Philip B. Cousland, M.B., Ed.	...	"	1883. Chao-
			chow-foo.
Dr. John Lang	"	1885.	Formosa.

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

Mr. William Paton	...	... arrived in China,	1881. Swatow.
Mr. George Ede	...	"	1883. Formosa.

* Salary paid by the Auxiliary Association in Scotland.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MISSIONARIES.

Miss C. M. Ricketts	...	...	...	arrived in China, 1878.	Swatow.
Miss Georgina MacLagan	...	...	...	" 1882.	Amoy.
Miss E. Black	...	...	...	" 1885.	Swatow.
Miss Jessie Johnston	...	...	...	" 1885.	Amoy.
Miss Annie Butler	...	...	...	" 1885.	Formosa.
Miss E. Stuart	...	...	...	" 1885.	Formosa.
Miss Thomson	...	...	...	arrived in India, 1886.	Rampore Baulcah.
Miss Harkness	...	...	...	arrived in China, 1887.	Swatow.
Miss Falconer	...	...	...	" 1887.	Hak-ka country.
Miss MacMahon	...	...	...	arrived in Singapore, 1887.	Singapore.
Miss Sutherland	...	...	...	arrived in India, 1887.	Rampore Baulcah.
Miss Bayly	...	...	...	returned to India, 1887.	Rampore Baulcah.
Miss Graham	...	...	...	arrived in China, 1888.	Amoy.

CENTRES.

N.B.—In these lists at places printed in *italics* there are fully organised congregations.

AMOY.

Chin-kang District—*Chin-chew, An-hai*, Siong-see, Eng-leng, Hui-tau.

Lam-an District—Kwan-kio, Ta-ying, Khoey-bey, Tang-pi, Eng-lai, Poa-noa.

Tong-an District—*E-mng-kang*, Ko-long-su.

An-koi District—Sian-oan, O-Tau.

Hai-teng District—*Pechua*, Kang-boey, Tin-hai.

Chang-poo District—*Ki-boey, Kio-lai, Bay-pay, Liong-bun-see*, Yu-boey-kio, Peh-chioh, Kang-khan, Aw-sai, Kwan-jim, Tung-kio, Aw-pow, Pan-to, Chang-poo, Ban-an, Liong-nia, Liok-go, Kak-chioh.

Lam-chang District—Liong-khay.

Ping-ho District—Gaw-chay.

Eng-chhun District—Eng-chhun, Go-tan.

Congregations organised, 9; not yet organised, 31.

SWATOW.

Hai-yang District—Chao-chow-foo.

Ching-hai District—Swatow, Yam-tsau.

Jao-ping District—*Phu-soa*, Ung-kng, *Ohia-na*.

Kieh-yang District—Kieh-yang, *Kia-kng, Sin-hu, Pang-khau*, Teng-kng, Teng-pou, Tek-kie.

Chao-yang District—Chao-yang, Tat-hau-pou, *Tsau-phou*, Sua-mng-sia, An-kang.

Pu-ning District—*Mi-ow*, Sin-un.

Hwei-lai District—Kway-tham.

Lu-fung District—Kah-chi, Noi-hue-ti, Kie-kia-thau, Toa-na.

Hai-fung District—Kong-pheng.

Chau-an District—Na-thau.

Congregations organised, 9; not yet organised, 18.

HAK-KA COUNTRY.

Kieh-yang District—*Ng-kang-phu Ho-pho*, Foi-tshai, Thai-yong.

Lu-fung District—*Ng-yun-thung*, Shong-sa, Ho-thyen, Sin-thyen.

Fung-shun District—*Thong-hang*, Pu-tshai.

Ta-pu District.—Thai-pu.

Yung-ting District.—Yun-thin.

Hwei-lai District.—Kau-tyen.

Congregations organised, 4 ; not yet organised, 9.

ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

Tai-wan District.—One Station amongst Chinese, viz., Taiwanfoo.

Four Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Bak-sa, Kam-a-na, Kong-a-na, and Poah-bay.

Tong-soa District.—Eleven Stations amongst Chinese—viz., Pi-thau, Ta-kao, Tang-kang, Tek-a-kha, Taw-kun-eng, A-kau, A-li-kang, Ka-la-paw, Kio-a-thau, Lau-chhu-tsng, and Lombay Island.

One Station amongst the Hak-ka Chinese—viz., Lam-gan.

Ka-gi District.—Four Stations amongst Chinese—viz., Ka-gi, Tau-lak, Ka-tang, and Gu-ta-oan.

Four Stations amongst Pe-po Hoan—viz., Giam-cheng, Ka-poa-soa, Than-sia, and Hoan-a-chhan.

One Station amongst Chinese—viz., Chiang-hoa.

Chiang-hoa District.—Five Stations amongst the Sek-hoan—viz., Toa-sia, Aw-gu-lan, Toa-lam, Gu-khun-soa, and Paw-sia city.

East Coast.—Three Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Chim-kong-o, Tak-kai, and Chioh-pai.

Congregations organised, 21 ; not yet organised, 14.

SINGAPORE.

Five Stations—*Singapore, Bukit Timah, Serangoon, Tek-kha, and Johor.*

Congregations organised, 2 ; not yet organised, 3.

Total Congregations organised, 41 ; not yet organised, 75.

NATIVE PASTORS, entirely supported by their own Congregations.—Amoy, 5 ; Swatow, 1. Total, 6.

NATIVE EVANGELISTS.—Amoy, 33 ; Swatow, 24 ; Hak-ka Country, 11 ; Formosa, 26 ; Singapore, 2 ; Rampore Bauleah, 2. Total, 98.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.—Amoy, 7 ; Swatow, 14 ; Hak-ka Country, 5 ; Formosa, 10. Total, 36.

ANOTHER year of progress and peace has passed in the history of our Missions in China and India ; and your Committee have to thank the great Head of the Church for the way in which during this year they have been led.

In our China Mission, where the lines of our work have been so definitely laid down, it is difficult to do more year by year than simply give a detail of the labours of our Agents and the results that have followed. And such details are not always interesting. China is now open and the novelty of early history has passed away. A Mission begun and carried on for years as a purely Evangelistic agency has so remarkably developed that it has become a wonder to ourselves. Every method employed in Missionary operations is used in our large field in China, and the record from year to year is one of marked

advance. The native Church in China is now no longer an expectation, it is a reality. And it is showing its vitality by spreading itself through its Missionary force over the country. This Report will contain abundant evidence of this gratifying fact.

The Mission of this Church holds a foremost place among the various Missionary bodies in China. It has a firm hold of South China—a firmer and wider hold there than any Missionary body has in that part of the Empire. Steadily and perseveringly its power has grown until now it covers a large and populous area with its stations; and both its position and the zeal of its members are remarkable facts. The hold we have already got is our assurance for the future. In 1847 it had its one and notable Missionary, and its single method of preaching the Gospel; but now it has expanded and broadened in a way we could not have anticipated. The one and special method, preaching the Gospel to the Chinese, is ever kept in the front, while methods auxiliary to this have been employed. It has not only its ordained Missionaries, it has also its Medical, Teaching, and Lady Missionaries. Its organised Congregations are growing in number and in strength; new ground is being constantly broken up; its hospitals and schools are efficient and blessed, its native Pastors and Preachers are a large and growing body, and their labours and zeal are abundant; and increasing attention is being paid not only to the theological training of its native workers, but also to the Christian education of the young.

The Church has met the demands of the Mission in an earnest and liberal spirit, and yet more is needed. If your Committee were entrusted with larger funds, the extension of our operations would be still greater than it is. The cry from our Missionaries is ever for more men. They are borne down with their labours, but they do not ask reinforcements to free them from their present abundant engagements, nor even for the purpose of lightening these. They ask for more men to enter upon fields lying open on every side, and hitherto they have asked in vain. The staff has not been kept up, and blanks in it remain unfilled, while the fields are ready to the harvest and the cry is for labourers. To harass the Church with an annually recurring deficit is not for the good of the Mission; and to prevent this, great effort and great care are needed. At the same time, now is our opportunity; our hand is on the plough, God has abundantly blessed us, and we must not think of looking back.

Events in China are evidently pointing to something akin to a thorough change of the old exclusive arrogance and contempt for Western peoples and Western ways. China's governors see that she must move from the old position of isolation or be overwhelmed. Every year brings us new evidence of this, and the past year brings, perhaps, the most powerful proof of it we have yet had. The literary examinations are an outstanding feature of the Chinese system. Success in these is the avenue to place and power. Hitherto the subjects of examination were exclusively the old Chinese classics; and notwithstanding the necessary cramping of an education that goes no farther than these, yet the Chinese Empire has had some capable and powerful statesmen. The most sanguine of those who know China and its people

best could not have anticipated that a change would be made so soon in the subjects on which the literary competitions are based. But the change has come. The Chinese Government has resolved that a knowledge of Western science, mathematics, astronomy, &c., will be demanded from competitors for literary honours. This resolution will revolutionise the whole Chinese system. It will break down the insufferable pride and the inconceivable prejudice of the Literati. They are the great opponents of all light and progress from the West. The despised foreigner will be looked upon in another light. All this will take time ; but the first step here is the great difficulty, and the first step has been taken. And this movement has a most important bearing on the work of our Church in China. Text-books in all these subjects will be demanded, and Western education must become the great necessity. Our Missionaries may have to face their work so as to take this factor into account. The attitude of the thinking men of China to Christianity may thus be changed, and a new and large opportunity for the claims of our Lord and Master may be given. Your Committee are thankful to record what a great power their Mission and other Missions have been in preparing the way for this change ; and they feel quite sure that your agents in China are carefully observing the whole situation which they have been honoured to have a hand in bringing about, and will be ready to avail themselves of every change for the furtherance of the highest of all interests.

This and other changes in China demand increased effort on our part, and it is sincerely hoped that the Church will enable its Committee to be forward in meeting the demands of every new situation.

The financial condition of the Mission is one for which there is great reason to thank God. The year has ended with a slight balance on the right side. This has been brought about by no special effort such as was necessary at the close of last year. And it has not been accomplished by any marked increase of giving on the part of our Congregations. It is the result of diminished expenditure on the field, in accordance with the definite instructions of the Committee. It must also be said that the native Church is assuming greater responsibilities, and to this extent the home funds are relieved. This is a healthy sign, and it is progress in the right direction ; but extension may be seriously imperilled if our agents' hands are too much tied, and efficiency may be impaired.

In this connection the Committee with profound thankfulness have to report a munificent offer by the Rev. R. W. Barbour of Bonskeid, son of the late revered President of our Scottish Auxiliary, and the successor of his father in this office. He lately offered to pay the outfit, passage, and salary of a Missionary to China ; and further, he promised that whenever the Committee felt able to undertake the expense of this agent he would be ready to send another on similar terms. He leaves all details in the hands of this Committee. The Committee were much moved and deeply impressed with this offer, and they are thankful to say that they have succeeded in securing a Missionary, Dr. Russell, who will proceed to China this autumn.

The Committee gladly acknowledge the loyalty and zeal of the

Students' Missionary Association, whose efforts to spread an interest in Christian Missions have for past years been indefatigable. They were able to hand to our Treasurer for the Singapore Mission £173 in 1887; and for 1888 their collections are destined for assisting in the erection of the New Medical Missionary Hospital at Taiwanfoo.

The Committee have further great cause of thankfulness in the appointment of the Rev. Alexander Gregory, M.A., late Minister at Wooler, as a Missionary to Amoy. Mr. Gregory's appointment and departure have moved the whole Church, and the prayer of the Committee is that the action of such a highly promising young Minister, giving up his charge and his home prospects for Foreign Mission work, may rouse the Church to deeper concern and increased self-denial for the cause so dear to her Lord.

We have to record with gratitude to God the recovery of Dr. Morison, of Rampore Bauleah, and Mr. Cook, of Singapore, from most serious sickness. Both are now back at their fields and as busy as ever. During the year Mr. Mackenzie has returned to Swatow, Mr. MacIver to the Hak-ka country, and Dr. and Mrs. Anderson to Formosa. Dr. Lang, who took Dr. Anderson's place during his absence, has recently married, and is now superintending the Medical Mission work at Chin-chew.

The Committee hope to welcome home on furlough this year Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Paton from Swatow; Mr. Macgregor and Dr. Grant from Amoy; and they trust that the visit of these brethren to their native land will greatly benefit themselves and be a blessing to the Church.

Statistics of Mission for Year 1887.

Centres	Communicants, to Dec. 31, 1886.	Adults baptized in 1887.	Received to Com- munion, having been baptized in infancy.	Received by Certificate.	Restored to Communion.	Suspended in 1887.	Died in 1887.	Gone elsewhere.	Communicants, Dec. 31, 1887.	Children baptized in 1887.	Total baptized children.	Members under suspension.	Total membership, adults and children.
Amoy	822	56	15	21	3	5	5	14	893	69	587	36	1516
Swatow.....	942	54	7	—	2	8	31	4	962	47	371	80	1413
Hak-ka	211	16	3	2	2	6	2	1	225	12	86	36	347
Formosa * ...	1317	79	—	1	11	27	33	—	1348	87	937	119	2404
Singapore...	105	9	—	20	—	4	7	19	100	7	43	7	150
Totals ...	3397	214	25	44	18	50	78	38	3528	222	2024	278	5830

* In revising the Formosa rolls a mistake has been discovered in the statistics for 1887 and for some previous years, and consequently there is a discrepancy between the number returned then and now.

AMOY.

The extension in this region is still going on. In 1886 five new stations were opened, and to this number we have now to add two stations opened in 1887. These latter are in the neighbourhood of Chin-chew. Of the large number added to the membership of the Church during 1887, fully one-half are from these new stations. This remarkable extension is the outstanding feature of the work at this centre. The native Church assumes the expenses of these stations, and the Missionaries supply the preachers. And consequently we have thus the assured prospect of future extension without any great outlay on the part of this Committee. To supply preachers for all these places and to keep up the staff at the old stations, has severely drained the resources in this direction. The Theological College at present has very few students, and there is a lack of the right men coming forward. To get men is comparatively easy; to get the right men is not so easy. And the work at Amoy has now reached that stage that great care is demanded in the selection of students.

Two of the oldest native preachers at Amoy have passed to their rest. One of these, Tan Bay, was once a Tauist priest. He was a man of outstanding ability and character, and has done good work since his conversion. The other, Bu, was acting as an Evangelist in the Amoy Hospital. Though a man of no great mark intellectually, he was of unblemished character and great zeal. He preached by his life as well as with his lips. These two men will be greatly missed. But their record will live after them, and the work they have done cannot be forgotten.

One of the institutions at Amoy, and one of no small moment, is the Annual Meeting of the preachers. They gather with the Missionaries for prayer and mutual edification once a year. This is a general meeting. At this meeting questions of Church management, difficulties in carrying on the work, and subjects of a like nature, are discussed. An institution of this kind is calculated, with God's blessing, greatly to encourage and cheer the native workers.

One of the Licentiates of the Amoy Presbytery, Tan Hoat Lek, has been called to the vacant charge at Anhai, and will shortly be ordained there. This will make the number of pastors entirely supported by their own Congregations at this centre six, independently of five who are attached to the American Mission. This young preacher was tutor of the Middle School, and his place there cannot be easily filled. He is son of one of our oldest members and preachers, a man who was in the employ of the Mission as a boatman more than thirty years ago. He is one of the best and ablest of the young preachers who have got their training in the Amoy Theological College. Thus, when one generation passes away, the Lord is taking those of the next to supply the places of the faithful who have gone to be with Himself.

The city of Chang-poo is the place to which the Committee decided to send an ordained and a Medical Missionary in connection with the offer of J. T. Morton, Esq. But, to the great sorrow of our Amoy brethren,

no progress has yet been made in securing the site which they had arranged to purchase. The opposition here is entirely on the part of the magistrate, backed by the literary clique. The owner of the site in question has been thrown into prison, and there he still lies. He has been most barbarously treated. The native Christians have tried to mitigate his sufferings, but they have been prevented from doing so. The object in this is to compel him to admit that he is not the owner of the ground. In this way they hope to prevent him from appealing to the higher authorities, where, perhaps, the case might be decided on the evidence, and where the 'toleration proclamation' might have some weight. Our brethren still persevere with the case, and they hope the day is not far distant when Chang-poo will be open to them.

The work at Chin-chew is such as to call for great thankfulness. The Rev. Tan Leng is pastor of the Congregation there, and there are evidences of abundant life and vigour. His people have during the year built a Manse for him at their own expense. In addition to paying his salary, they are contributing to the support of a new station, and are now making arrangements for opening another chapel in the city.

In the hospital at Chin-chew nearly 4,000 patients have been treated during the year, and, as fruit of the year's Evangelistic work in the hospital, about twenty persons have been received to the membership of the Church.

The regular work in the other departments has been carried on as usual. The details of this appear constantly in the 'Messenger.' Your Committee have abundant reason to thank God for another year of efficient and successful labour at this the oldest centre of our China Mission.

SWATOW.

The addition to the roll of members during the past year has not been so large as in 1886. But work has been done, and there is cause to thank God for the undoubted tokens of His power. Mr. Gibson, whose state of health was causing your Committee great anxiety, was advised to go for a season to Japan. He has returned with restored health and vigour, and is now able to take his full share of the work.

The bright and auspicious opening at the village of Sin-un has been greatly clouded during the year. Most violent persecution arose, and the Christians were beaten and driven away from house and home. For nine months now these people, in all about thirty, have been exiled from their village. They have patiently borne their trials, and have done all they could by their efforts to be as light a burden as possible to their fellow-Christians who have generously come to their aid. It is sincerely hoped that redress may soon be secured, and these persecuted brethren enabled to go back to their homes.

One of the Congregations, that in the town of Swatow, is about to employ a native brother and sister to visit the members at a distance, and to preach the Gospel in the surrounding country. This new departure the Committee hail with great pleasure, for every movement on

the part of the native Church to assume the responsibility of the work is a mark of real progress.

Another gratifying step in the past year is the resolution of four Congregations in the Kieh-yang district to unite in calling a pastor. They have agreed to call Lim Ji, a young man trained in the Swatow College, and who has greatly commended himself to the Missionaries and the whole native Church by his zeal and devotion. He will be ordained just about the time of the meeting of this Synod. When this takes place, our Swatow Mission will have two pastors entirely supported by their own people. The College has had during the year fourteen students, and of these six will have completed their course at the beginning of this year, and will then be available for augmenting the staff of preachers, which at present is far too small for the requirements of this extensive field.

The native pastor at Swatow, Tan Khai Lin, has, during the year, at Mr. Cook's request, visited Singapore. His own people very heartily set him free for this work, and the visit was most acceptable and profitable. In the Singapore Church he found not a few of the members who at one time were under his own charge in China, and his coming was to them a very special joy.

The superintendence of the hospital is now again in Dr. Lyall's hands. The stream of patients to this hospital is indeed remarkable. Extensive though the accommodation is, it is at times quite insufficient, and the poor sick people spread their beds anywhere and everywhere. The visible results of the work are great, but these are not the full measure of its benefit. All over the Swatow field its name is a tower of strength, and its exhibition of practical Christianity is working its effect upon the people. The seeds sown by it have produced a great harvest already, and a richer still has yet to be gathered in.

The educational work under Mr. Paton's care is extending. He now reports nine Elementary Schools with ninety-one pupils, and the Middle School with fifteen pupils. He writes cheerfully and in high hope concerning his own department.

An important and much-needed work has been undertaken and is being carried on by Mr. Duffus and Mr. Gibson. They are engaged in translating the Scriptures into the vernacular language of the people, and in bringing out the whole Bible in the Roman letter. This will supply a felt want. The cumbrous Chinese character is a bar to getting the Word of God into the hands and hearts of the people. The printing-press at Swatow is thus efficient and valuable aid.

THE HAK-KA MISSION.

Steadily and quietly during the past year this Mission has been worked by the Rev. Dr. Riddel and Dr. McPhun, while Mrs. Riddel has been engaged as usual in doing what she could for the women and the girls. The progress made has been as marked as in former years. The return of Mr. MacIver and the arrival of Miss Falconer have greatly cheered the hearts of the little band, and they are beginning another year in hope and good cheer.

The stations under their care are now twelve in number, the members of the Church are 225, and there are eleven native preachers to assist the Missionaries in building up and extension. Every station has been visited by Dr. Riddel during the year, and at all of them the Communion has been twice dispensed. The distance between the remotest stations is 180 miles, and this will show how extensive is the tract of country covered, and the labour that is expended in properly looking after their interests. With the exception of the month of August the preachers have been steadily engaged during the year. They were during that month at the principal station, for further study.

There are five students at present in the College preparing to be preachers or teachers, and this number the Missionaries hope soon to see increased.

In last year's Report a deplorable outrage on the native Christians in the village of Thong-hang had to be recorded. The Christians had refused to contribute for the performance of heathen plays. They were attacked and beaten, their houses broken into and robbed, and they were forced to flee for their lives. They tried, and tried in vain, to get some measure of justice at the hands of their own magistrates. The case seemed hopeless, but through the kind offices of the British Consul the attention of the higher authorities was called to the case. A deputy was sent to Thong-hang with power to inquire and to settle it. He seems to have done his duty and to have acted with even-handed justice. His decision was that the refusal of the Christians to contribute play-money was the only cause of the outrage, that all the other charges against them were false, and that the conduct of the local officials deserved severe censure. He also awarded a sum to pay the loss sustained, though a sum inadequate to cover it all. This decision was accepted by the native brethren, and they have again returned to their homes and fields, and are living at peace with those who had so persecuted them. It is pleasing to record this action on the part of the Chinese authorities, in contrast as it is with the conduct of many of them in other places. It is a further token for good that the Congregation at Thong-hang is now in a very hopeful condition.

There are six Elementary Schools and one Middle School, with a total of forty-seven pupils. The children in these schools, so far as they are able, are required to pay for their education.

Gratifying progress has also been made in Christian giving, while the Missionaries are most desirous to see still further advance on this line, and are constantly urging duty and privilege of Christian giving. The sum contributed during the year shows an average for each communicant of a little more than one week's wages of a Chinese artisan.

The hospital has been attended during the past year by 2,337 patients, a larger attendance than in any previous year. In addition to treating these, a great amount of medical work has been done by the Missionary on his visits to the out-stations.

For the last few years our brethren have had many difficulties to contend with in this field. They are now more hopeful. The attendance at their chapels is growing, and the number of applicants for baptism is increasing. They earnestly beseech, as do all our agents, for

the prayers of the Church, that they may avail themselves of present opportunities, and successfully enter the doors everywhere open to them.

FORMOSA.

The annual letter with details of the year's work had not arrived when this Report had to be in the printers' hands, and the Committee cannot therefore give such details from Formosa as they could have wished.

The visit of the Rev. Mr. Campbell to this country, and his appeals to many of our own people in England, and also to our friends in Scotland, have largely contributed to revive the interest in this important centre. The large field in the hands of our Mission in Formosa demands more attention than our present reduced staff can give to it. Within the last few years three brethren have most reluctantly been forced to retire on account of illness contracted in the work, Messrs. David Smith, Main, and W. R. Thompson. Their places have not yet been filled, and this fact makes your Committee extremely anxious. The burden laid on Mr. Barclay and Mr. Thow is heavy almost beyond endurance, and there would have been something like a collapse but for the generous and considerate resolution of Mr. Thow, with the sanction of the Committee, to postpone his furlough until the return of Mr. Campbell. Dr. Anderson's hands are full with his own work, and Mr. Ede has his education work, which keeps him abundantly occupied. And so the visiting and the superintendence of the stations over a large area, along with the innumerable calls that such a wide field makes on a Missionary, the arrangements for preachers and their work, and the conduct of the College, have fallen to Mr. Barclay and Mr. Thow. The wonder is that they bear the strain. For now they have thirty-five stations under their charge, with more than 1,000 members, and a wide open field loudly calling to them to enter. And these stations cover a wide territory, some of them in the south of the island, others away to the north, some in the centre, and others over the hills and down on the east coast. Your Committee feel that this centre must be reinforced, and they are thankful to be able to say that something towards this has been done by the noble offer of the President of our Scottish Auxiliary and the appointment of Dr. Gavin Russell.

The missionary work undertaken by the native Church on the Pescadores has been vigorously prosecuted. Two native preachers are engaged on the group, and after many trying experiences they are already beginning to tell of favourable results. As in almost every place in our field, the entrance of our native brethren is being opposed, and, as formerly, by the so-called literary men. But they have not succeeded. At Chhiah-khan, a town on one of the islands, these men attempted to drive out our preachers. The local official soon let them know that all over the Empire permission to preach was given, even in Pekin itself, and that it was foolish to think that this work could be prohibited on the Pescadores. At one village ten persons are coming regularly to worship, and are evidently interested in the Gospel ;

and at Ma-keng, the principal town, over ten persons are attending the temporary place of worship, and the native Church of Formosa is earnestly and liberally supporting her young Mission. During last year 318 dollars were contributed for it. The expenditure during the same period has amounted to 255 dollars.

In the important city of Chiang-hoa, in the centre of Formosa, the expense of the recently undertaken work is defrayed by the native Church in Toa-sia. The latest accounts inform us that great numbers are coming to the chapel and earnestly listening to the preaching. On the Lord's Day there are over twenty persons, old and young, who are regular attendants at worship. These efforts on the part of the native Church are thus manifestly followed with great blessing, and they tell in a most salutary manner on the Church itself. They who seek to be a blessing to others find that in so doing they get a blessing to themselves.

The hospital at Taiwanfoo during the greater part of last year was in the hands of Dr. Lang. He has efficiently kept up the work, and has also visited several of the country stations. He strongly insists on the value and importance of the latter as supplementary to that in the hospital. In every town and village there is a hearty welcome for the Doctor, and precious opportunities are afforded, not only for healing, but also for preaching the Gospel of the kingdom.

Mr. Ede has during the year been busily engaged in the Middle School and elsewhere. Accounts of this have appeared in the 'Messenger.' He has also written a valuable paper on 'The Place and Importance of Education as a Missionary Agency,' which has been reprinted in the 'Messenger,' and has been read with great interest.

The 'Taiwanfoo Church News' has regularly appeared every month in the native language. It is a periodical of great value, and is highly prized by its large circle of 700 readers.

SINGAPORE.

Our beloved brother Mr. Cook has during the year been sorely prostrated by severe illness. His life trembled in the balance, and at one time hardly any hope of recovery was entertained. He has in God's kind providence been saved to the Church and the work so dear to him. He was obliged to go to Poonah to recruit, and was for some months away from Singapore. He has now returned in somewhat improved health and is busy again; but the Committee are not without anxiety on his account.

During Mr. Cook's absence the Mission was carried on by the catechist and by friends who volunteered to do what they could to supply Mr. Cook's place. During the last months of his absence, and for a fortnight after his return, Mr. Mackenzie, of Swatow, was in Singapore. He broke his voyage there and spent the time in abundant labours. It does not require to be said that his visit was a great comfort and blessing. Mr. Mackenzie has taken the most lively interest in our Singapore Mission, and has done more than any other to foster and help it on. During his visit the new Church at Bukit-Timah was opened. The Committee desire to thank Mr. Mackenzie very specially for what

he has done in Singapore, and also to thank the Rev. Mr. MacPhee, Messrs. Phillips, Penninga, Hut-kiam, Bun-chin, and Teng-Kui for their valuable aid during Mr. Cook's absence. The number of stations is now five, and the membership at Singapore is 107 adults. The spirit of liberality manifested by this small Church is very remarkable. They have during last year contributed more than 700 dollars for their Church work, and they are displaying a wonderful spirit of zeal and earnestness.

With restored health and strength Mr. Cook looks forward with hopefulness to the work to which he has returned. He greatly rejoices at their being joined by Miss MacMahon, who is now engaged in studying the language.

INDIA.

The chief event in the history of our Mission during the past year has been the severe illness of both Dr. and Mrs. Morison, by which they were brought to the very gates of death, he having been given up by the doctor; yet both were most providentially raised up, and, to the astonishment of all, he has been restored to better health than before.

As the course of their illness was recorded at the time, the details need not be repeated here, but Dr. and Mrs. Morison believe, as do their friends, that his recovery was a very marked answer to special prayer in his behalf. 'This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God,' and from this point of view it has already had an important influence on the Mission in deepening the consecration of the workers, in stimulating their faith, in quickening our own hearts in prayer on their behalf, as well as creating among the natives a widespread sympathy, and consequently a more ready access to their hearts.

On the 9th of January Dr. Morison reported himself and all in the Mission as quite well and in full work, while throughout the past year the various departments had been kept going, including the two dispensaries, the schools, colportage, preaching in the Bazaar and in the villages by the efficient native assistants; while the new building for the Girls' School was superintended by the District Engineer, and, it is hoped, will be opened in July or August.

Miss Bayly and Miss Sutherland had arrived before the close of the year, and with Miss Thomson were actively engaged in zenana work, of which notice will be found in the Ladies' Report.

The attendance at the two Dispensaries has been greater than the previous year, being 4,407 new cases and 7,428 old cases; total, 11,835. The majority were fever patients, though all Indian diseases were fairly represented.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

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Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 896.]

APPENDIX.

THE NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

THE work of this Association goes on making steady progress. Each year brings us full proof that God is blessing our efforts. The agents at each station send continual accounts of advance made. The people everywhere are ready to hear, and many prove by their lives that the Gospel of Jesus has been glad tidings to them. As the work grows we have the need of fresh workers urged upon us. During the past year we have sent out five—Miss Bayly and Miss Sutherland to Rampore Bauleah; Miss Falconer to the Hak-ka country; and Miss Graham, who has given us her services, and is now on her way to join Miss MacLagan and Miss Johnston in Amoy. Through the kindness of Mr. Morton we have been able to start a fresh branch of our work in Singapore. Miss MacMahon has gone there, and is busy learning the language. We are glad to tell of Miss Ricketts' safe return to Swatow, where she met with a warm reception.

We give brief details from each of our Mission stations.

Swatow.—Mrs. Gibson writes of the girls' boarding-school:—

Our numbers have been as good as usual, twenty-six girls—this is indeed all we can accommodate. But, on account of sickness, we have decided to reduce our numbers to twenty, hoping to be able to keep the smaller number in better health. We think the results of school work most satisfactory. The girls become in every way more fitted to lead useful lives. Most of them seek admission to the Church during some part of their school-life, and we rejoice to see that many prove by their lives that they are followers of Jesus Christ.

Miss Black sends accounts of the Bible-women, and of schools carried on at different stations.

In submitting my Report for the past year I desire to acknowledge God's goodness in caring for us. In January I had the happiness of welcoming Miss Harkness. She is now able to help in the women's Sunday-school, and in the girls' day-school. During the year I have superintended the Bible-women, taught in the training-school, looked after the girls' day-schools, and visited the homes of our Christian women in the country. We have employed seven Bible-women, five of these in connection with work in Swatow, and two under Mrs. Riddel in Hak-ka. In the training-school we have had seven women, four being new and three old scholars. Three were examined by our Missionaries and gave satisfaction. We have now four girls' schools, two having been opened about one year, and two for six months. At these four schools we have about fifty pupils. Our country work is most interesting, and I believe fruitful. Since November I spent fifty-four days on boat trips, having visited eight stations, forty-seven villages, and 160 families.

Formosa.—Miss Stuart and Miss Butler are working with much encouragement. Their visits to the country are becoming a fruitful part of their work. We have arranged that they have two Bible-women to help them, and we also hope to send another lady to Formosa this year.

Miss Stuart writes :—

We have had one year of school work, sixteen boarders and four day-scholars. When the school opened only one of these could read. By the end of the session, all, with one exception, could read the Bible very fairly. In other subjects there was also a great advance. In our women's Bible class we have an average attendance of thirteen, twenty-three being on the roll. Thirteen of them are Church members, two of them only lately baptized. We are beginning systematic country visits. During the cold months we purpose separating, one taking the country, the other the school and visiting in the city.

Amoy.—Miss MacLagan and Miss Johnson are looking forward with joy to Miss Graham's arrival. They send many interesting letters giving accounts of work done in visiting in the homes of the people. Miss MacLagan writes :—

We have had a larger school this year, twenty-three girls ; their studies have been the same as formerly. Mr. Thompson conducts a singing class which is made up of the boys and girls belonging to the three Missions. In our visits to the country we saw many of our old girls in their own homes, and were cheered to find that they keep up their reading, that they go to church, and are particular about keeping the Sabbath. God is giving us much encouragement in our work.

Hak-ka.—Mrs. Riddel has passed another year alone in work among the women, and in labouring single-handed in the girls' school at Ng-kang-phu. She is now joined by Miss Falconer, who gives promise of speedily becoming a valuable helper. Mrs. Riddel writes :—

There are at present ten boarders and seven day-scholars in our school. Seven of these girls came forward as applicants for baptism. This is hopeful, and would be cause for great joy if we felt sure their hearts were truly changed.

Rampore Bauleah.—The past year has been one of severe trial, in consequence of the serious illness both of Dr. and Mrs. Morison. They are now restored to comparative health, and we trust their labours, which have been so blessed, may long be given to the work in Rampore Bauleah. At one time the accounts were so serious that we feared Mrs. Morison might have to return home. It thus became necessary for us to make arrangements in case our Mission here should be left without some one of mature age and experience. Miss Bayly, who was for so many years there, and who is now in perfect health, readily agreed to give us her services, to fill the possible gap, for a time. She is now happily settled with our agent, and we feel very grateful for her willing help.

Miss Thomson writes :—

We have worked with satisfactory results during the past year. To-

day one of the Government Inspectors visited the school and expressed himself as greatly pleased with what he saw. We also had a visit from the Lieutenant-Governor, accompanied by the Commissioner and Collector of the district. We have got a valuable addition to our teachers, a young girl from Calcutta, recommended to us by Mr. Macdonald.

With regard to our home work we realise with gratitude that each year gives us a firmer hold on the interest of our Church. We have six new associations to record, and one or two which had ceased to contribute have felt encouraged to begin again. We have also several promises for this year. Our funds are steadily increasing, and as supplies are given we have ready use for them, there being no limit to the work to be done. Our continual cry is that God may send more labourers into this vineyard, while those of us who remain at home must do our share of the work. We seek that the hearts of God's people may be touched with the necessity of the great need of both China and India, and then give to the cause as the Lord prospers them.

M. J. STEVENSON, *Hon. Sec.*

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 904.]

V.

REPORT OF THE JEWISH MISSION COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE labours of Mr. Meyer and his assistant have been continued throughout the year with earnest fidelity, and, through the goodness of God in sustaining the health and strength of both, without break in their regularity, beyond a day or two, from any indisposition. Our thankfulness is especially due for this uninterrupted prosecution of work on the part of our esteemed Missionary, as he has now reached those years in which infirmities usually begin to gather, and retard activities. Mr. Meyer, to the grateful satisfaction of the Committee, is still, for his age, fresh, hale, and vigorous. Mr. Polan continues to give his father in the Lord affectionate and growingly valuable aid in the service of the Mission. Mr. Meyer says of him: 'He has maintained his character of faithfulness, zeal, and devotedness to his work and duties; and, as he daily gains more experience, he is becoming more and more useful. He is to me not only an assistant, but a real help and comfort.'

In the outset of his Report to the Committee for the year, Mr. Meyer refers to a circumstance which is at once a testimony to the influence of the Mission, and a fresh difficulty in the prosecution of its work. He notes the considerable diminution of the tide of immigration from Russia and Roumania of poor Jews, during the bygone twelve months, but adds that in that period four new halls have been opened in the neighbourhood for Jewish Missions, and that the Jews themselves have established an institution of their own, under the name of *Kadima*, 'conducted exactly,' says Mr. Meyer, 'on the lines of our reading-room, offering, however, to the visitors a greater number of Hebrew periodicals and books. And having succeeded in drawing away a good many visitors from the mission hall, the managers of the *Kadima* will now set up a free dispensary, with Jewish medical men and dispensers, with a view to neutralise the attractions which some Jewish Missions offer to Jewish patients.' Your Committee do not wonder at this action or complain of it—we surely, in similar circumstances, would do the like—but draw attention to it as at once showing the impression produced by Christian action on the Jewish community, and the increase of difficulties in the way of its success. The Committee especially wish the Synod to observe the witness given by the institution of the *Kadima* to the sagacity of their Missionary in the devising and opening of the reading-room, from

which, in past years, have been gathered so largely the inquirers to whom the Missionary has ministered his teaching.

This reading-room, owing to these causes, Mr. Meyer tells us, has been 'less crowded' than in former years, as might be naturally expected. Still, he goes on to say, 'the attendance was very satisfactory, indeed far exceeded our boldest expectations;' while the opportunities which the room affords 'for bringing the truth as it is in Jesus near to many a heart,' have been, as before, taken advantage of. Mr. Meyer is able to say that—

the fame of our reading-room has even reached as far as Russia, for often people come up to us directly on arriving, having been directed to it by countrymen who frequented it while here in London. Many who are resident here come to it weary and heavy laden, in order to get a word of sympathy and consolation. Even frequenters of the Kadima are not unfrequently seen in our reading-room, confessing that there is a more genial atmosphere with us.

The class for the study of the English language, meeting twice a week, initiated a few years ago by Mr. Meyer, and maintained from winter to winter as an important auxiliary to the direct work of the Mission, has been attended this year by an average of about ten, insurmountable obstacles affecting regularity. The Committee regret that, owing to inability to find a suitable teacher after the first month, Mr. Meyer had to undertake the teaching of this class himself, but it is pleasant to find him saying:

I read with my pupils the parables of the New Testament; and although the linguistic element was prominent in the exposition, yet there were splendid opportunities offered, and taken advantage of, for bringing the truths of Scripture home to the hearts and consciences of my pupils, and often we had very interesting conversations.

The usual services in the hall regularly carried on throughout the year were, on the whole, well attended, and the Missionary is able to say, 'I can well discern a growing spirituality among my regular hearers.' These claim from him a good deal of what may be termed pastoral work in the way of supervision, care of the sick and afflicted, and guidance of the weak. He has, besides, to give a good deal of time to newly arrived Jews who, in their friendlessness and ignorance of the language of the country they have reached, betake themselves to the hall, to seek the counsel of the Missionary, whom they count on as a disinterested friend. By these engagements the time available for visitation among unconverted Jews is narrowed, but this branch of work is earnestly prosecuted as far as practicable, especially by Mr. Polan. The Missionary and his assistant find, however, many houses closed to them, from various reasons, more particularly among the well-to-do classes, though in a goodly number they are welcomed, finding a greater readiness to listen and discuss on the part of all, and not a few who are intellectually convinced that Jesus is the Messiah promised to the fathers: some even acknowledge Him to be the Saviour, but are 'not strong enough to break the fetters by which they are tied to Jewish society.' Mr. Polan continues also to visit the coffee- and eating-houses frequented by Jews, and to accost them in the streets, and, while

sometimes subjected to rudeness and indignity, has often very interesting conversations and discussions.

The number of persons wishful to have information regarding the claims and doctrines of Christianity has been larger this year than in any preceding. Mr. Meyer has had as many as fifty-six under instruction. Of these, there were fewer than usual of 'Rabbinical scholars;' 'the larger number,' he says, 'had only a superficial knowledge of Judaism; some were even utterly ignorant of Bible history, except so far as it is narrated in the Pentateuch,' rendering the work of teaching laborious and difficult. Mr. Meyer reports that he has himself baptized no convert this year, a circumstance which surely cannot in the mind of any thoughtful person lessen interest in the Mission or confidence in the Missionary. These are not to be measured by results, but by faithfulness in labour. There is apt to be a craving for ripened cases, and in itself it is every way to be desired that we should see such fruit from seed sown. But the law of work is not dependent on this. Paul must plant, and Apollos water, whatever increase God may show us given. The result of sowing is not always seen in gathered sheaves. On this point the Missionary may best himself be heard. We give, therefore, a longer extract from his Report to the Committee:—

Long experience has confirmed me in my view not to baptize anyone of whom I am not fully convinced that he has experienced the great change, and is born again. And even when I am satisfied on that point I desire to see that, by the help of the Lord, they are enabled to earn their bread in a Christian society by the labour of their hands, as otherwise they would be exposed to temptations which are too strong for an ordinary faith, and to which, alas! but too many have succumbed, of whose sincerity there could be no doubt at the time when they confessed Christ and were baptized in His name. Whether I am too strict on the first-mentioned point, or my powers be too limited for securing the second, the fact is that seven of our inquirers have been baptized by other Missionaries this year. Some of our inquirers profess to be convinced of the truth of Christianity, and to love, trust in, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, but they have been told by others that they need not, indeed ought not to be baptized, and thereby be separated from their nation; and the heart, being deceitful above everything, but too easily believes what pleases the flesh. Others ceased to inquire, or stayed away from the instruction, because they found out that what they sought, viz. temporal advantages, were not to be attained in this way. Others again, of whom we entertained good hopes, were obliged to leave London, taking, however, with them the good seed of the Gospel. That at least some of it will have fallen on good ground and bring forth good fruit we are by God's Word warranted to believe, and our experience of this year confirms it. Let me give a few instances.

From some obscure places in Russia and South Africa we received urgent applications for Hebrew New Testaments and tracts from men who had been connected with us, and to whom we gave such on their leaving London. On their arriving at their respective places they began to assemble small circles of co-religionists around them, and told them that they had 'found Him of whom Moses in the Law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth,' and thereby excited the desire in their hearers to learn more of that Messiah, and of salvation through faith in Him. Hence that application.

About three or four years ago a young Jew frequently came to the hall. After having given us much trouble by his atheistical and Jewish objections, he became, by his own wish, an inquirer. The instruction seemed to make an impression, and I began to hope well concerning him. But then he suddenly disappeared. I lost sight of him, and had almost forgotten him, when, about two months ago, I received a letter from a gentleman of Victoria, Australia, who was personally unknown, but introduced to me by Rev. Dr. Rentout, in which he told me that the said young man was ready to confess Christ as his Saviour, and would shortly be baptized, and that he traced back his conversion to what he had heard at our hall.

Such cases, which could easily be multiplied, prove incontrovertibly that bread cast upon the waters will be found after many days. One more case, however, I beg leave to mention. In last year's Report the case of one of our inquirers was mentioned who was literally dragged away from the Home by his wife and her brother, and carried back to Riga. In this they succeeded, but the impressions which he had received were too deep to be effaced. Soon after his arrival at Riga he went to one of the Evangelical Pastors, confessed Christ, and was baptized.

Mr. Meyer mentions that during the year ten persons have for a shorter or longer period been inmates of the Home established last year, and says that experience has deepened his conviction of the value, and even necessity, of such an institution, as furnishing opportunity for more thorough instruction of inquirers and more careful observation of their character.

Of Bibles and New Testaments—kindly supplied at reduced rates by the British and Foreign Bible Society—a careful distribution has been made, to the extent of 72 copies, in cases where the Missionary had reason to be assured that good use would be made of them. Portions of Scripture to the number of 192 were more freely given, and a large number of tracts distributed without any exact account kept, forming 'seed cast upon the waters.'

The intercourse and correspondence which Mr. Meyer maintains as far as practicable with former converts continues to show gratifying evidence that, in his own words, 'while, alas! there are a few black sheep amongst them, as there was a Judas among the Apostles, yet the great majority of them are not only steadfast, but are adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour, and some may even be called burning and shining lights, helping to spread that light which they themselves received. One of those who were baptized last year wrote to me on the approach of the anniversary of his baptism an urgent request to be remembered at our meeting on that day, with thanksgiving for the Lord's mercies towards him in the past, and prayers for grace and strength in the future.'

In the conclusion of his Report Mr. Meyer points vividly to a dark side of the present condition, religiously viewed, of the Jewish people. 'Rabbinism,' he says, 'is dead or dying, but along with it religious faith also. Consciousness of sin, desire of salvation, are sentiments which we seek for in vain with the mass of the people or their spiritual rulers. The former have sunk, or are daily sinking, more and more deeply into religious indifference or unbelief, while in vain the blind leaders of the blind are seeking for a foundation or even an outward

form for the Judaism of the future. Such is the dark side. But there is a bright side also, and of this Mr. Meyer says :—

Notwithstanding the anti-Christian spirit displayed by the Jewish press, the number of Jews joining the Christian Church increases everywhere, and among the converts of the last two or three years there are many belonging to the higher and learned classes. Rabbi Lichtenstein, of Tapio Szela, in Hungary, who boldly lifted up his testimony for Christ and Christianity, stands firm—does so notwithstanding all the efforts on the part of the Jews to silence him or make him recant; and, what is more wonderful, his people or congregation, with a few exceptions, stand by him. Joseph Rabbino-witz continues to preach the Gospel to his Judæo-Christian community, which is getting more and more consolidated, while his printed tracts and sermons are spread over the whole of Russia, and exercise a greater influence than the Jewish press will admit. Everywhere in that vast country, even in distant and dreary Siberia, as well as in Galicia, there are knots of inquirers searching their Old Testament Scriptures with the light shed over them by the New Testament, and thus giving a new fulfilment to the words of Mal. iii. 16: ‘They that feared the Lord spake often one to another.’ And we may be assured that the further statement of that verse will be fulfilled in their case also; the Lord will hearken and hear it.

After some statements in regard to the social condition in Russia, Roumania, and Mohammedan countries, Mr. Meyer thus concludes his Report :—

When we take into consideration all these various facts we are surely fully entitled to say that the day of Israel’s redemption draweth nigh, that the night is past and the morning is coming. And that may and will encourage us not only to continue, but to increase our efforts on Israel’s behalf. And although our London Mission in Whitechapel may seem to be remote from those countries to which I alluded in the above, London is not only the capital of Great Britain, but, in a certain sense, the centre of the whole world. In our Mission Hall we come into contact with Jews from every quarter, and what we say or do there is heard and felt, as this very Report shows, in distant countries. Let us then take courage and go on; our labour cannot be in vain, for it is founded on God’s word and promise. ‘For the vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hasteth towards the end, and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, and not tarry’ (Hab. ii. 4, R.V.).

MOROCCO MISSION.—Our foreign Mission, in respect of Evangelistic work, is still necessarily in its initial and preparatory stage. Dr. and Mrs. Kerr, however, are now so far advanced in the acquisition of Arabic as to be able in some measure to make themselves understood by the natives, though the services of the interpreter cannot yet be quite dispensed with. Hoping to do by the printed page what could be imperfectly done by speech, Dr. Kerr obtained through Mr. MacIntosh, agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, some Bibles and Testaments, that he might dispose of them by sale. Unable, however, to get a purchaser for even one copy, he says: ‘I have tried a new plan. I lend a Bible or Testament for a week. I find it is a capital plan. When I find an Arab or a Saint from the wild tribes who can read, I give him in loan a Gospel or New Testament, for which he is thankful. In this way we quietly spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.’ From an extract we

now give from Dr. Kerr's Report to the Committee, it will be seen that in conversation also the Missionary has been diligently availing himself of opportunities for pointing the eye of his patients to the Saviour.

'In taking a retrospect,' he says, 'of the year's work we have much cause for thankfulness. Over 200 Jews have come to the Medical Mission for treatment, and to many of these I have had the opportunity of speaking about the Lord Jesus as their long-looked-for Messiah. Among the sick, in the homes of Jews and Moors, I have never found any difficulty in introducing a conversation about 'Said-na-Isa'—Jesus Christ. . . . In our little hospital we have had ten indoor patients during the year, some staying with us three weeks, others as long as four months. On two of these I have operated for 'serious ailments.' One, a Zair, made an excellent recovery, and left in two months after the operation. The other, from a neighbouring tribe, has been with us for four months. Several times I thought he was going to die, but now (thanks be to God) he is nearly well, and will leave (D.V.) shortly. With many of our indoor patients we have been very pleased at seeing the marked change which came over them after staying a few weeks with us. None of them ever heard of the name of Jesus before they came to us, and before they left most of them could repeat verses of Scripture and sing part of Arabic hymns. One little Arab girl of her own accord confessed Christ.'

In a case of painful and perilous maternity, when the mother, thinking herself dying, said, 'Send for the Christian doctor,' the Missionary's skill was blessed to the preservation of lives. The gratitude of the parents of the woman, he says, knew no bounds, and as many as twenty Moorish women made his ears ring with cries expressive of their wonder and delight. A curious little gift of two fowls, urged on acceptance by the husband, testified his thankfulness. What is specially notable in the incident is thus mentioned by Dr. Kerr: 'For a Christian physician to attend a case of this kind has never here been known among the Mohammedans. We praise God for the opening.' Called to a similar case in a Jewish family by the brother of the patient, the father being one of the most superstitious of men, and exceedingly careful in the observance of all ceremonies, Dr. Kerr was at first received with screams of old women present in the house, and a cry from one that the blessing of God would now depart, since a Christian doctor had entered the dwelling. On his departure, to the delight of all, he had left family joy behind him. An invitation addressed to himself and his wife to be present at a great feast in a Jewish house, connected with the naming of a child, which he describes, shows how friendliness towards the Missionary is growing. Mentioning these facts as showing how God has been opening up the way, Dr. Kerr adds:—

There are also many cases of interest which I could relate. A young Jew said to my interpreter the other day, 'It is a serious matter to confess Christ. If I confessed, my parents would disown me. So you see it is hard to become a Christian.' This young man, I may add, is familiar with the teaching of the New Testament. At our Sabbath service he can find any place I give out in either the Old or New Testaments. His confession shows that God is working in the hearts of some.

Dr. Kerr refers to a visit of the Sultan, paid to Rabat in July, accompanied with 20,000 men, for the purpose of enforcing on some of the tribes in the neighbourhood the payment of taxes. He says they

brought nothing with them but fever and filth, and that everyone was glad when they had gone. He gives us a glimpse into the arrangements of a barbaric court, by saying that in the absence of the Sultan's physician he was called to see a sick person in the palace, but though armed with an order from the Governor, and accompanied by a soldier and another attendant, he was kept for hours waiting on admission. He saw the case twice and did not receive even a message of thanks.

In regard to the study of the language, Dr. Kerr says that, taking all things into consideration, they have made good progress. 'It is now becoming interesting. We can make ourselves understood without the aid of the interpreter, though his services could not be dispensed with for some time to come.' He is besides very useful now in making out prescriptions.

Our Missionary has been subjected to a heavy trial in the serious illness of Mrs. Kerr. During the prevalence of a fever epidemic in the autumn she caught the infection of typhoid, and was at first alarmingly ill. By-and-by she recovered, and was making good progress as a convalescent, when in December she took cold and had a relapse. By the latest accounts (Feb. 14) she was slowly mending, though still unable to sit up more than part of the day. Dr. Kerr was arranging for a short visit to Tangier as soon as it might be safe to travel, in the hope that the change might be beneficial. All friends of the Mission will sympathetically join in wish and prayer that the hoped-for advantage may be fully obtained, and that Mrs. Kerr, fully restored to strength, may be able to return to Rabat, her husband's meet helper in the work which is dear to both.

The following summary of the year's medical work will show how full the Missionary's hands must have been :—

During the year 1887 I have treated 1,835 cases. Jews who have visited the dispensary have been 219. Moors, Europeans, Arabs, and Berbers have consulted me at the dispensary to the number of 1,338. The visits paid to the homes of the people, including Jews, Moors, and Christians, have been 278.

Dr. Kerr concludes his Report by modestly saying :—

'Though little spiritual work has been done, I am happy to be able to say the Lord has opened many doors. We are cheered by the fact that we are breaking up the fallow ground, and trust the sowing and reaping will come in due time.

All this, as already said, is but a beginning. But 'who hath despised the day of small things?' With these words God at once reproved and cheered the builders of the second temple in Jerusalem when discouraged by the sneers of their enemies and a sense of their own feebleness. Christianity itself had a day of small things, but the tiny seed is now a spreading tree. It is for us, in reference to our mission in dark Morocco, to give thanks for the open door which has been set before us, and to enter in and go forward, in faith that God is able to strengthen and prosper us that we may even possess the land.

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[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 906.]

VI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERCOURSE
WITH OTHER CHURCHES,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888

THE Jubilee of the 'Christian Missionary Church of Belgium' was celebrated at the meeting of the Synod which was held in Brussels in the month of July, under the presidency of the beloved and venerated Baron Prisse. The occasion was marked and memorable, the attendance of pastors and delegated elders was large, and the air was full of brotherly kindness and thankful trust. His colleagues being unavoidably prevented from attending, the Convener was the sole representative of this Church. He was very warmly received, and had the gratification of handing to the President a cheque for £151 6s. 8d., which the kindness of friends in England had placed at his disposal for Continental work. In the admirable equipment of the Belgian Church one gap remained to be filled. A fund exists for the widows and orphans of pastors, but no provision had been made for aged and infirm ministers. The above sum was set apart as the nucleus of such a fund, which, on the very day of its formation, was increased by a small contribution from a member of the Belgian Church, thus giving promise that, by gradual growth, its object will in due time be attained. This little gift was received by the Synod with the warmest expressions of gratitude. Delegates were present from no fewer than eighteen churches or societies—Dutch, German, French, Swiss, Italian, and British—with their characteristic differences of thought and utterance, but all of them bearing messages of Christian love. The record of work done in Belgium during the last fifty years gave rise to profound thankfulness to God, and the brave little Church of Belgium started on its journey for the second half of the century with hopeful heart and elastic step. 'The Lord grant them according to their own heart, and fulfil all their counsel.'

The Protestant Churches in France continue to carry on their arduous work with zeal and earnestness. On the part of our Church, Professor Elmslie and Mr. Patrick Neill, of Jersey, visited the Unofficial Synod of the Reformed Church of France which met at St. Quentin, in June. They were cordially welcomed, and came away impressed with the value of the work which is being accomplished in connection with that Synod. The State still declines to sanction the convening of the

Official Synod. Owing to this refusal the Unofficial Synod took its rise. It meets once in three years, and every meeting brings accessions to its members. It now numbers nearly four-fifths of the entire membership of the Reformed Church, and, though its decisions do not carry the force of legal enactments, their moral and spiritual power is practically supreme in the case of all consenting congregations and pastors. The result is something approaching a moral and spiritual regeneration in the State-supported Protestant Church. Rationalistic tendencies are losing hold, while the vangelical section of the Church is rising in influence and gaining in numbers.

The Synod of the Free Church of France met in the month of October at Clairac. Owing to the lateness of the season, it was not found possible for a deputation from our Church to attend. The Free Church, which is neither numerous nor wealthy, maintains its position manfully, notwithstanding serious difficulties of a financial nature.

Professor Elmslie, as Deputy from our Church, attended the annual meeting of the Evangelical Society of Geneva, which took place in June. He was cheered with the proofs he saw of the power of Evangelical teaching and the prevalence of Evangelical life in that honoured Society. For some years our Church had not been represented in its meetings, so that the visit of Professor Elmslie was doubly welcome.

The Synod of the Waldensian Church met as usual at La Tour in the month of September. Mr. H. M. Matheson was reluctantly compelled to abandon his purpose of being present. But it was expected that Mr. James R. Robertson, whose name was also on the commission, would take his place. In the mysterious providence of God it was otherwise ordered. On his way to La Tour, with some members of his family, he had reached the beautiful Lake of Varese. There, three days before the meeting of Synod, he was suddenly called to the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn which are written in heaven. His absence cast a deep shadow over the deputation, and, indeed, over the Synod. The Convener alone represented our Church, and it was his sad duty to read to the Synod the brief but touching notes of the speech which Mr. Robertson had intended to deliver, and which were forwarded to him by the sorrowing family. The great feature of the Synod was the reception, for the first time, of ten lay members, representing the mission work in Italy from the Alps to Etna. This was a step of great significance in the development of the Waldensian Church. These members took a fair share in the business of the Synod, and could not fail to carry to their distant homes a vivid impression of the admirable organisation and able administration of the venerable Church by whose efforts they have been led to embrace the truth. The question of deepest interest before the Synod was that of union with the Free Church of Italy. It was introduced in the form of a report on the negotiations of the previous year. There was no debate. The subject was evidently considered as one already settled, and the Synod were unanimous in the opinion that, for the present, no union was possible. They passed from the subject with the expression of good-will to the Free Italian Church, a sentiment which is fully reciprocated by said Church. It is to be hoped that, under the guidance of the great Head of the Church,

the time may come when the noble aim, for the present frustrated, may be realised. Meantime, it is to be thankfully recognised that the venerable martyr-church is in a condition of much vigour and activity. It may be mentioned that a resolution was adopted to celebrate, in 1889, the bi-centenary of the 'Glorieuse Rentrée' of Henri Arnaud. It is suggested that a company of pastors and others should retrace the footsteps of the heroic band, from the Valleys to Noyon, on the Lake of Geneva. It should be mentioned that the absence from the Synod of the devoted and lifelong friend of the Waldenses, Dr. Stewart, of Leghorn, was greatly felt. He was at that time suffering in health, and has, since the meeting of Synod, been summoned, in an honoured old age, to his rest.

The work carried on by Protestant Churches in other countries of Europe continues, often amid difficulties and embarrassments, but the space at our disposal forbids detail.

Turning now to our own country, the Committee have to report that the Moderator of Synod and the Rev. Robert Duff attended the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, when a warm reception was accorded to them.

A fraternal letter was sent by the Moderator in the name of this Church to the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, and was cordially received. The question of federal relations with this Church was before the Assembly. The following minute contains the finding of the Court:—

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee to prepare an Overture for transmission to Presbyteries ancient federal relations with the Presbyterian Church of England.

In accordance therewith, the Assembly transmit the following Overture:—

The General Assembly, with consent of a majority of Presbyteries, enact and ordain that, without altering the relations between this Church on the one part, and the Presbyterian Churches in Ireland and in the Colonies, and the United Presbyterian Church, severally, on the other part, as established by Act III. 1873, there shall be established between this Church and the Presbyterian Church of England such a relationship as shall maintain and manifest the unity of the Churches, their separate and independent jurisdiction being always preserved.

That this relationship shall be carried into effect, as follows:—

1. This Church shall henceforth recognise the status of the office-bearers and members of the Presbyterian Church of England as if they were its own; and the ministers and probationers of that Church shall be eligible for calls by any Congregation of this Church, in the same way as if they were ministers and probationers of this Church.

2. Attendance at the Hall of the Presbyterian Church of England shall be recognised by the Colleges and Presbyteries of this Church as equivalent to corresponding attendance at one of the Free Church Colleges, under regulations to be framed by the College Committee, and approved by next General Assembly.

3. This Church shall conduct its own missionary operations as heretofore, but shall aim at combined efforts with the Presbyterian Church of England, when their missionary operations are carried on in the same field.

4. Corresponding members, to the number of not more than six, appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, shall be admitted to the General Assembly to attend its meetings, with right to deliberate but not to vote ; and the General Assembly shall appoint the same number of corresponding members to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England on the same terms ; but any failure in the appointment or attendance of such Commissioners shall not invalidate the proceedings of these Courts.

5. The General Assembly approve of the establishment of a Federal Council of the Presbyterian Church of England, the United Presbyterian Church, and this Church, to deliberate on their common interests, and, without exercising legislative or judicial functions, to aid and advise in questions of difficulty and importance that may be submitted to it by the Supreme Court of any one of the three Churches ; and they agree to appoint representatives to such a Council, under regulations to be afterwards drawn up.

The above Overture is now under consideration of the Presbyteries of the Free Church.

This year the Free Church Assembly will be approached by deputation, and the Irish Assembly by letter.

Our Deputies, the Rev. R. Taylor and Mr. Wales, attended the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, in connection with the Church of Scotland. They received ample assurance of the brotherly sympathy and interest with which the said Synod regard this Church.

The General Assembly of the Calvinistic Methodist Church of Wales met in May in Liverpool, and was attended by the corresponding members appointed by our Church—viz., the Rev. W. S. Swanson (Moderator of Synod), Mr. Stitt, Mr. Kilgour, and the Convener. Our Synod has frequently sent Deputies to the Welsh Church, but this was the first occasion on which, as the result of negotiations with a view to federal relations, corresponding members took their places in the Assembly. They were received and listened to by a crowded and enthusiastic meeting, and a warm welcome was proffered to them by the Moderator on behalf of the Assembly. The portion of the business relating to the corresponding members and to the Church from which they came was transacted in the English language. But the rest of the business was conducted in the Welsh tongue, and your representatives, not having been instructed in the same, found themselves at some disadvantage. Besides addressing the Assembly, the Rev. W. S. Swanson had the opportunity of speaking on the subject of Foreign Missions to two large Missionary Meetings in different parts of Liverpool, in connection with the Assembly. The corresponding members will not soon forget the warmth of the reception accorded to them. They found evidence of great life and activity in the Welsh Church.

The steps which have been taken by our Church with a view to federal relations with the Welsh Presbyterian Church, and also with the Free Church of Scotland, made it necessary to lay the whole matter, in its present state of advancement, before the representatives of the United Presbyterian Church, between whom and ourselves federal relations have so happily existed since the Union of 1876. Accordingly, on February 24, 1888, a Conference took place in Glasgow between a Com

mittee appointed by the United Presbyterian Church for the purpose, and a Sub-Committee of the Intercourse Committee of this Church. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. John Black, the Rev. James Mackenzie and the Convener represented this Church, and fully explained to the brethren the nature and effects of the negotiations which we have carried on. They stated further that negotiations with the Free Church had brought out the desire of that Church, in the event of federal relations being established between them and us, that a smaller proportion than that now appointed of corresponding members, and also of members of the Federal Council, should be fixed upon.

After lengthened conference of the most friendly and fraternal kind, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the joint Committee, viz., 'That we recommend the Supreme Courts of the several Churches interested to express a general approval of the proposed extension of federal relations to the Free Church of Scotland, and to the Presbyterian Church of Wales; and suggest that each of these Courts should nominate a small Committee, with instructions to co-operate with any similar Committees which may be nominated on behalf of the other Churches, in the consideration of details, including a proposed reduction of the number of corresponding members to be annually appointed by each Synod or Assembly, and also in the number of members to be appointed by each for the Federal Council. Each Committee to report to the Synod or Assembly of the Church which it represents at the meeting of the Court in 1889.'

The fourth General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system is to be opened in London on July 3, 1888. Honoured brethren from all lands are expected to be present. Already steps have been taken to secure for them a warm welcome and hospitable reception on this the first visit of the General Council to the territory of our own Church. The meeting will doubtless be one of deep interest and of permanent value, not only to the Presbyterian Church, but to the Church of Christ throughout the world.

It is expected that the next meeting of the Federal Council will be held in Edinburgh in October 1889.

As regards finance, the total income of the General Fund of this Committee is less by £20 in 1887 than in 1886. The Committee have, however, to record an increase of one in the number of contributing Congregations. One hundred Congregations have furnished aid to this Committee. The door of entrance on the Continent of Europe is wide open. The whole Church stands committed to the Continental work in which we are privileged to take part, and it is earnestly to be desired that each of our Congregations should bear its share in that fruitful work.

The following grants have been made by the Committee from the funds placed at their disposal:—

	£	s.	d.
BELGIUM: Christian Missionary Church of Belgium	55	0	0
FRANCE: Evangelical Society of France	25	0	0
Evangelical Society of Geneva	20	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Union of the Free Churches	20	0	0
Mr. McAll's Mission	10	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists in Brittany	10	0	0
ITALY: The Free Church of Italy	20	0	0
Waldensian Church Mission	45	0	0
SPAIN: Spanish Evangelisation Society	35	0	0
PORTUGAL: Lisbon Mission (under Rev. A. D. Paterson)	15	0	0
BOHEMIA: Bohemian and Moravian Evangelisation	25	0	0
	<u>£280</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

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[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church'—Continental Missions Fund, p. 907.]

VII.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE Report of your Committee on this occasion must in part take the form of a narrative dealing with recent events which seriously affect the teaching staff of the College.

1. At their meeting in November your Committee learned with regret that the Barbour Professor had been laid aside for some weeks in consequence of severe illness. Their earnest hope that he might be sufficiently restored to be able to resume his duties after the Christmas recess was not to be realised, and within a very short time the Church received the mournful tidings that Dr. Graham had passed away on the afternoon of Saturday, November 26. It is fitting that a place should here be found for the minute in which your Committee put on record their regard for the lamented Professor:—

The Committee have heard with deep sorrow that since their November meeting it has pleased God to take from among them the Rev. Dr. Graham, Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology in the College, and the first occupant of the Barbour Chair.

Appointed so recently as the year 1880, and at that time apparently in the enjoyment of robust health, it might have been hoped that Dr. Graham would be spared for a much longer period to devote his ripened experience and varied acquirements to the service of the Church in his new sphere.

It has been otherwise, and the Committee bow submissively to the Divine will in his unexpected removal, while, at the same time, they learn with mournful regret of the bodily weakness under which, unknown to them, he has for years past been prosecuting his professorial work.

They desire to record the regard in which he was held by them all, as well on account of his sincere and earnest piety as of the genial charm of his character, and their admiration of the brilliant gifts with which he was endowed. And they rejoice to know of the cordial relations which existed between his colleagues and himself, and of his affectionate interest in the students.

The Committee express their sincere sympathy with the bereaved family, and commend them to the Spirit of comfort and to the care of Him who, according to His promise, is the husband of the widow and a father to the fatherless.

2. The Senatus were happily able to make temporary arrangements

for carrying on the work of the Church History Chair. The Committee recognise the important service which the Professors have thereby rendered to the College and to the Church at the cost of much additional labour, generously and spontaneously undertaken.

3. It is now the painful duty of the Committee to report that the health of the venerable Principal of the College became so seriously affected in the course of the session that, acting on medical advice, Dr. Chalmers was led to inform the Committee, through its Convener, that he must abandon the idea of doing, during next session, any additional class work, such as the death of his colleague induced him to undertake during the past one, or as the postponing of an appointment to the fourth chair might entail upon him, and that he might not find himself strong enough to discharge more than a part of the ordinary duties of his chair. Indeed, his medical adviser had recommended an early retirement from active work.

4. Consequent on the receipt of this grave information it was deemed advisable to convene your Committee in February last, to deliberate on the arrangements which it would be their duty to recommend to the Synod in the greatly altered circumstances of the College. The Principal was present at the opening of that meeting, and made a statement to the Committee with regard to his state of health, and anticipations as to ability for work in future years, and placed himself in the hands of your Committee. After careful deliberation your Committee decided to suggest to their revered father that, having in view the critical condition of his health, it might be wiser and safer if he were to retire from all active work. They were also of the opinion that it was better in the interests of the College, as far as possible, to avoid merely temporary arrangements for the training of the students. Your Committee further came to a decision as to the amount of retiring allowance which they would recommend the Synod to grant in the event of the Principal's retirement.

When the views of the Committee were communicated to Dr. Chalmers, he was led to recognise that the course suggested was the wiser one for himself, and was in the interests of the Institution, and to indicate that in regard to the time of his withdrawal and the question of retiring allowance, he was fully prepared to leave himself in the hands of the Church.

5. Should the Synod see it to be their duty to accept the resignation of Principal Chalmers, your Committee venture to recommend with regard to the filling up of the vacant chairs:

- (1) That it is not desirable at present to have more than three Professors.
- (2) That an appointment to the Barbour chair be made by the present Synod.
- (3) That the main subject to be taught by the new Barbour Professor be Dogmatic Theology.

They make these recommendations at the present juncture mainly from financial considerations; but they would hesitate to do so if they were not persuaded, in harmony with the view of the present members of the Senatus, that the efficiency as well as the adequacy of the training

will not thereby be endangered. Your Committee are glad to be able to express their approval of the 'Scheme of Curriculum on a Basis of Three Chairs,' submitted to them by the Senatus and appended to this Report, and they respectfully recommend it for the adoption of the Synod. They have added to the scheme a suggestion of their own with regard to occasional courses of lectures on special subjects.

6. The following gentlemen were admitted as students of the first year:—

Mr. Thomas Carter.
Mr. R. C. Gillie, B.A.
Mr. F. M. Harkess.
Mr. J. A. Irvine, B.A.

Mr. Henry King.
Mr. J. T. Levens, M.A.
Mr. J. L. Milne, M.A.
Mr. Thomas Milner.

Messrs. Gillie and Levens passed the examination with honours; a Muter Scholarship for the year was awarded to Mr. Levens; Mr. Gillie, as holding a Hewley Exhibition, not being eligible. One candidate for admission failed to pass.

Mr. W. J. Gillespie, B.A., who holds a Hewley Exhibition, was recognised as a student of the second year.

Six sought and obtained recognition as students of the third year:

Mr. J. M. Blake.
Mr. E. H. E. Franks, B.A.
Mr. W. Gilchrist.

Mr. W. J. Gomersall.
Mr. William McKee.
Mr. Henry Neill, M.A.

One of these—Mr. McKee—had not previously studied in the College.

Honours in the examination were obtained by Mr. Franks. The Muter Scholarships of the second and third years and the Crichton Scholarship were not awarded, no one competing for the latter. Your Committee had satisfaction in finding that the anticipation to which they gave expression in last year's Report, of a considerable number of entrants, was realised. The breakdown, however, from ill-health and other causes in the junior class of the session preceding the one just closed, will in all probability continue to affect the total attendance for at least another year. It is interesting at this time to note that, of the sixteen students in attendance during the session, eleven were born in England, and two others, by reason of long residence in the South, may be regarded as English. One is Irish and two are Scotch. Mr. Pearson has again resided in the House, prosecuting his studies as a private student.

Five of the seven gentlemen who left the College last spring have received license to preach the Gospel. Of these, Mr. C. Campbell Brown has since been settled at Holybourne, Mr. D. M. Connan at Kentish Town, London, and Mr. John Paterson at Canterbury. The holder of the Gillespie Scholarship continues his studies abroad, and two have been supplying preaching stations. Mr. George Samuel has likewise been settled at Towlaw since the last meeting of Synod, and more recently Mr. W. G. Jordan at Dudley, and Mr. T. W. MacPherson at St. Paul's, Birkenhead. Mr. C. Davey has become minister of a Con-

gregation in the sister Church in Ireland Mr. R. M. Irving has gone to California, and Mr. W. Watt to New South Wales.

7. The opening lecture of the session was delivered by Professor Elmslie, on 'The Bible and Modern Thought.' The Resident Professor reports at the session's close :—

I am glad to say that I am able to give a satisfactory report of our household during the past session. The students worked steadily and diligently, and are evidently interested in their studies. The rules of the House were well observed, and there was much good feeling and harmony. The students took an interest in, and gave help to various religious missions outside the College. Their own societies were well maintained, and were very useful. I append the reports of the Societies. Mr. Gillie, the Secretary of the Missionary Society, furnished me with the first; Mr. Levens, the Secretary of the Theological Society, with the second. We had some sickness among us, and Dr. Brunton, as usual, gave us, most kindly and readily, medical attendance and advice.

Report of Theological Society.—During Session 1887–8 the Theological Society has met ten times. The meetings have been well attended, and the members have shown considerable interest in the subjects discussed.

Three papers were read by Ministers: one on 'The Religion of Humanity,' by Rev. W. M. Macphail, M.A., of Streatham; one on 'The Entrance of Moral Evil into the World,' by Rev. P. Carmichael, B.D., of Highbury; and one on 'Drusus of Leyden,' by Rev. G. Wilson, M.A., F.L.S., of Canonbury.

The papers read by students were as follows: 'Hebraic and Hellenic Ideals,' by Mr. J. T. Levens, M.A.; 'Brahminism,' by Mr. J. L. Milne, M.A.; 'Mythology of the North,' by Mr. Thomas Milner; 'Mohammedanism,' by Mr. Thomas Carter, F.R.Hist.S.; 'Confucianism,' by Mr. F. M. Harkess; and 'Utilitarianism,' by Mr. W. J. Gillespie, B.A. A debate on the question, 'Does the New Testament forbid Women to speak in Church?' was introduced by Mr. R. C. Gillie, B.A.

Report of Students' Missionary Society.—The Students' Missionary Society has had another prosperous year. Great interest was shown among the Churches visited, and the sum of £173 3s. was handed over to the Singapore Mission as the result of the year's work.

During the present Session the Society has been occupied with collecting funds for the building of a hospital in connection with the Mission of our Church in Formosa. Already 46 Churches have either promised or granted collections, and an effort is being made to obtain an entrance into every Presbytery.

The interest in missionary work has been fostered among the students by addresses, given at the monthly meetings of the Society. The Rev. J. Monro Gibson, D.D., discussed the relation of Home and Foreign Mission work, and much missionary information was obtained from Mr. J. L. Maxwell, M.A., M.D., and Mr. J. N. Forman, missionary to India. The Rev. D. Brodie, of the Bible Society, also spoke of the work done in supplying Bibles to the different missionary societies.

It is encouraging and interesting to note that through the Society's work upwards of £1,000 have been raised in six years for Home and Foreign Mission work.

The Elocution Classes have been conducted as formerly by Mr. Charles Hartley; Mr. Douglas, of Upper Norwood, having again generously undertaken to provide the necessary funds.

8. *Examination Board.*—A seat has become vacant through the translation of the Rev. Dr. Murphy to a Presbytery of the sister Church in Ireland, and it falls to Mr. Limont at this date to retire by rotation. Your Committee have pleasure in recommending that the Rev. A. H. Drysdale, M.A., of Morpeth, and the Rev. W. M. Macphail, M.A., of Streatham, be appointed to the vacant seats on the Board.

9. *Barbour Exhibition Board.*—The Board constituted by the Synod of last year have sought to discharge with discrimination the duties entrusted to them, and your Committee are happy to be able to report that, so far as one year's experience affords any test, the scheme seems well adapted to carry out the ends contemplated. Thirteen students made application, to whom exhibitions were granted, varying in value and amounting in all to £133 5s.

10. *Library.*—In the course of the year the Library has been enriched by gifts of unusual value and interest. Through the late Professor Graham a copy of Dr. Ginsburg's recent edition of the 'Massorah,' in three folio volumes, was presented by William Crosfield, jun., Esq., Liverpool; and the 'Transactions and Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archæology,' in twelve volumes, have been added to the collection by the Convener of this Committee. In addition, at the time of preparation of this Report there have been received two further benefactions, the one comprising 100 and the other over 150 volumes. The former of these is a selection from the library of the lamented Rev. W. Fraser, of Brighton, presented by his family, and consisting of theological works of value in themselves, and many of them in frequent demand by the students. The other is a selection, presented by himself, from the library of a learned retired minister of this Church, the Rev. Thomas Robinson, D.D., formerly of Newbiggin, and now resident in Morpeth. Dr. Robinson's gift is a noble addition to the treasures of our collection, containing as well books which may be of service to the students, as many learned works in various languages of interest to the scholar. Your Committee have already acknowledged these gifts to the generous donors, and it now affords them pleasure and satisfaction to report them to the Synod.

11. *Finance.*—Your Committee have given their consideration to the condition of the finances of the College, more especially as they may be affected by changes in the professorial staff.

- (1) They regret that they cannot report any improvement with regard to the annual contributions from Congregations. The amount of the collection in 1887 was £770 0s. 6d., as against £773 19s. in 1886, being a further decrease of £4. The number of Congregations contributing fell from 170 to 165.
- (2) The measures adopted by the Synod of last year with a view to the equalising of income and expenditure have only been in operation for one half-year, and it is mainly owing to this cause and to a deferred payment of dividend (£220) on one of the College investments, that the amount of the overdraft at December 31 last had risen from £772 1s. 9d. to £1,318 7s. 7d. There is reason to believe that the de-

ferred payment will be made good at no distant date. The receipts from students' fees and residential charges in 1888 will be twice as large as in 1887, even if there be no increase in the number of students.

- (3) In the event of the Principal's resignation being accepted by the Synod, your Committee would recommend that, in consideration of his long services to the College and the Church, Dr. Chalmers should receive a retiring allowance of £300 per annum.
- (4) On a basis in future of a staff of three Professors, if we calculate revenue according to the returns of last year and include the deferred payment of dividend and students' fees for a whole year, revenue and expenditure would be related as follows :—

Income.		Expenditure.	
Collections . . .	£770	Retiring Allowance to	
Donations . . .	33	Dr. Chalmers . .	£300
Interest . . .	1,330	Salary of Barbour	
Barbour Endowment	484	Professor . . .	500
Rent . . .	165	Salary of Dr. Gibb .	400
Students' Fees . .	160	„ Dr. Elmslie . .	500
		Principal's Honora-	
		rium . . .	100
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			£1,800
		Expenses . . .	992
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	£2,942		

There would thus remain a balance of £150. This would probably have to be reduced by an increased outlay for repairs which, not to the advantage of the College, have been kept in recent years within the narrowest possible limits; and it must be borne in mind that the revenue from investments is everywhere on the decline. On the other hand, it would be increased should the number of students rise to or pass beyond its former average, and it would further be increased if the accumulated debt were wiped out and no charge payable for borrowed money. It would rise or fall according to the interest and confidence of the Church in her College, as shown in the response made to the annual appeal to her liberality.

- (5) Having regard to the prospect that in future years the College revenue will not fall short of its expenditure, your Committee are of the opinion that an effort should now be made to wipe out the accumulated debt, and they venture to ask the Synod to sanction an appeal for this object to the liberality of the Church. A sum of £1,000 would bring your Committee within sight of a clear balance-sheet, and your Committee cherish the belief that such an amount might be obtained from generous friends of the Institution before the close of the current financial year.

12. *Visitation*.—The time has again come round for the triennial visitation of the College. In view, however, of the important changes in the teaching staff and with regard to the curriculum of study which are likely to be effected by the Synod at its present meeting, it may possibly appear to your venerable Court more fitting to postpone the appointment of Visitors till these changes have had time to come into operation.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 908.]

APPENDIX.

Scheme of curriculum on a basis of three Chairs submitted by the Senatus to the College Committee.

I. The Chairs would be the following :—

- (1) A Chair of Systematic Theology—including the history of doctrine, and its confessional expression.
- (2) A Chair of Old Testament Literature—including language, exegesis, and criticism.
- (3) A Chair of New Testament Literature—including language, exegesis, and criticism.

II. The remaining subjects would be—

- (1) Apologetic.
- (2) The History of the Christian Church.
- (3) Homiletic and Pastoral Theology.

Elocution to be taught every Session as at present.

N.B.—These three subjects should be distributed among the Professors, and taught to all the students together once in three years.

Addendum by College Committee.—Other subjects, such as Home and Foreign Missionary work, to be kept in view as subjects for occasional courses by Lecturers outside the Senatus, when this shall be found practicable.

VIII.
REPORT OF THE COLLEGE TRUSTEES,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE Trustees have to report, in regard to the Trust Deeds relating to Scholarships, that the College Committee have had the whole question under consideration, and have appointed a sub-committee to inquire and report on the subject. Under these circumstances the Trustees are not yet prepared to report finally on this matter.

It will be seen from the following statement of investments that these remain precisely as they were last year.

It will also be seen from the accounts that no interest has been received on the Debenture Bonds of the 'Hull and Barnsley' Railway Company. Negotiations have for some time been going on between this Company and the 'Midland' Railway Company, with a view to a working agreement; should this be carried out, we hope for a speedy resumption of the payment of interest.

INVESTMENTS.

These are as under :

Standing in the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES GRAHAM SCOTT,
WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,

£4,000 London and North-Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£3,600 Great Western Railway 5 per Cent. Consolidated Preference Stock.

£1,965 Great Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
HUGH MACKAY MATHESON,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£1,200 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway $4\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Great Northern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£5,000 Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Railway and Dock Company 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds.

In the names of

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
ROBERT WALES,
ROBERT MORTON,

£1,000 Caledonian Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£1,000 South-Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Midland Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£2,060 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

£1,000 Great Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

£1,000 London and North-Western Railway 4 per Cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

In the names of

GEORGE DUNCAN,
R. T. TURNBULL,
R. MORTON,
J. A. SWANSTON,

£1,426 15s. 9d. New South Wales Government 4 per Cent. Inscribed Stock.

£1,475 19s. 9d. Queensland Government 4 per Cent. Inscribed Stock.

£1,442 4s. 9d. Victoria Government 4 per Cent. Inscribed Stock.

In the names of

GEORGE DUNCAN,
R. T. TURNBULL,
ROBERT MORTON,
J. A. SWANSTON,
JOHN JOHNSTONE,

£1,452 14s. 6d. South Australian Government 4 per Cent. Stock.

Freehold of 227 Strand.

Submitted, on behalf of the Trustees, by

JOHN JOHNSTONE,

Convener.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' at p. 909.]

* Five-sixths of these amounts are the proceeds of Legacy from George Barbour, Esq., still in suspense.

IX.

REPORT OF THE SENATUS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE following Report is submitted of the work carried on during the Session of 1887-8.

Rev. Principal Chalmers, D.D.

DIVINITY.

Apologetics.—In this class, attended by the students of the first year, the subjects of study have been Natural Theology and Christian Evidence.

Under the former head, the Theistic argument has been expounded and vindicated, and the leading anti-Theistic theories discussed and refuted.

Under the latter head, a careful survey has been made of the proofs, internal, external, and collateral, of the Divine Origin of Christianity, and the authority of Holy Scripture.

Dogmatics.—With the students of the second and third years, the subjects of study have been the Person and Work of Christ, the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, the application of Redemption, the Doctrine of the Church and the Sacraments.

To the Junior Class I have delivered forty-five lectures on Apologetic, and to the Senior, sixty on Dogmatic Theology. In both classes text-books were used, and there were monthly examinations by means of written papers.

CHURCH HISTORY.

It is in the knowledge of the Synod that it has pleased God to take from us by death our lamented brother, the Rev. Dr. Graham, Barbour Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology. Within a month after the commencement of the Session, Dr. Graham became seriously ill and unable to continue his attendance at college. In the hope of his speedy recovery, and to aid it by relieving him from all anxiety, I volunteered to take charge of his two Church History Classes till Christmas. But the hope was disappointed, and his illness proved fatal.

The Senior Class I nevertheless continued to carry on till the beginning of February, when it was handed over to Professor Gibb. The Junior Class I have conducted throughout the Session, delivering fifteen lectures to the one Class and thirty-five to the other.

The conduct and diligence of the students in all the Classes was, in general, satisfactory; in the Junior Class, very much so.

Rev. Professor Gibb, D.D.

NEW TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

Senior Class.—To this Class I gave Exegetical Lectures on the Epistle to the Ephesians, and certain hours were devoted to the rapid reading of selected portions of the Greek New Testament. Lectures were given on the general characteristics and on the teachings of the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles of St. James, St. Peter, and St. Jude. A course of lectures was likewise delivered on 'The History and Principles of Scripture Interpretation.' During the months of February and March I gave a course of lectures on the 'Life and Teaching of Saint Augustine.' The students were tested by means of written examinations.

Junior Class.—To this Class Exegetical Lectures were given on the Epistle to the Hebrews, and selected portions of the Greek New Testament were read in class. A course of lectures was given on 'The Times of the New Testament,' and a second course on 'The Life and Writings of St. Paul.' The students were tested by means of written examinations.

Rev. Professor Elmslie, D.D.

HEBREW AND OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

The Junior Class has made a careful study of the Grammar, and has read Genesis, Ruth, Jonah, and several Psalms. Historical and Exegetical Lectures have been delivered, and written examinations held monthly.

The Senior Class has read Malachi, Micah, Ruth, Jonah, a portion of Isaiah, and Messianic Psalms. Prophecy and critical questions have been discussed in lectures, and the work of the Class has been periodically tested by written examinations.

Through the warm interest and efficient aid of J. M. Douglas, Esq., of Upper Norwood, the students have had the benefit of two hours' instruction weekly in the art of elocution.

Submitted, on behalf of the Senatus, by

WILLIAM CHALMERS,
Principal.

X.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION
OF PROBATIONERS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE Committee have to report that whilst they have not been able to assign the Probationers quite so many vacancies during the past year as formerly, they have been more fully employed on the average in locations and general supply. For general supply they have been engaged on an average nearly forty-seven Sabbaths; whilst those eligible for vacancies have received appointments on an average to six vacancies.

The following lists show the state of the Roll at present, and the changes that have taken place during the year.

I. *Names of those received on Roll A. during the year :*

Rev. W. B. Cooper, M.A.	Rev. W. R. Lindsay.
„ D. Sutherland.	„ T. J. Dixon.
„ C. C. Brown.	„ William Smith.
„ D. M. Connan, M.A.	„ Wm. Weatherstone.
„ George Patterson.	„ W. R. Thompson.
„ W. G. Jordan, B.A.	„ William Kidd.
„ John Patterson.	

II. *Names of those removed during the year :*

Rev. W. B. Cooper, M.A., settled at Durham.
„ D. Sutherland, settled in United Presbyterian Church.
„ C. C. Brown, „ at Holybourne.
„ J. A. G. Stirling, removed to United Presbyterian List.
„ G. Samuel, M.A., settled at Tow Law.
„ Charles Davey, B.A., „ in Ireland.
„ John Patterson, „ at Canterbury.
„ D. McCallum, resigned from a change of views.
„ D. M. Connan, M.A., settled at Kentish Town.
„ G. Drysdale, removed to Roll B. (term complete).
„ W. McCraith
„ T. W. McPherson, M.A., settled at Birkenhead.
„ George Patterson, „ Maryport.
„ W. Watt, removed to Australia.
„ W. G. Jordan, B.A., settled at Dudley.

III. *Names of Probationers now on Roll A. for Supply of Vacancies :*

Rev. T. F. Darroch.	Rev. W. A. M. Thomson.
„ P. A. Milne.	„ W. J. B. Roome, F.R.A.S.
„ Edward Ross, M.A.	„ A. L. Laird, M.A.
„ G. M. Storrar, M.A.	„ W. R. Lindsay.
„ John Hardie, B.D.	„ T. J. Dixon.
„ W. Douglass Reid, M.A.	„ William Smith.
„ William Thorpe, M.A.	„ William Kidd.
„ W. Craigie.	„ W. R. Thompson, B.A.
„ T. O. Scott, M.A.	

IV. *List of present Vacancies :*

Sutton.	Edenbridge.	Highgate.
Darenth.	Millwall.	Wooler.
Broad Street, Birmingham.	South Hackney.	Bridge Street, Blyth.
Haltwhistle.	Walsall.	Canonbury.
Swalwell.	Ancoats, Manchester.	Derby.
Harrogate.	Stratford.	Trinity, Newcastle.
	Gravesend.	

V. *List of Preaching Stations :*

	1. RURAL.	
Alderney.	Great Salkeld.	Holy Island.
Penruddock.	Tunley.	

2. CHURCH EXTENSION.

Cambridge.	Scarborough.	Withyham.
Verulam, London.	Worley Street, Newcastle.	Doncaster.
Highfields.	Jesmond	„

A matter of some moment, relating to arrangements between the two Federated Churches for preachers passing from one Roll to the other, has been under consideration, and some correspondence has passed between your Committee and the Synod Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church. The question is still under consideration. Meanwhile, the Committee are of opinion that it is necessary that the arrangements of the two Churches in this matter should be harmonised, so as not to seem to indicate a different reading of the Article of Federation bearing on the position of Probationers in relation to the two Churches ; but in view of the present movement for bringing the Free Church of Scotland into the Federal Union, the Committee think that the question of the readjustment of the relations of the Rolls of the Federated Church may be allowed to lie over meanwhile.

In the name of the Committee,

JAMES MUIR,
Convener.

XI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

I. *The Bible Band* (*Vice-Convener, W. Carruthers, Esq.*).—The enrolled members during 1887 numbered upwards of 600, but the helps to regular Bible reading given through the Bible Band reach many more than those who send in their names. The ‘*Children’s Messenger*’ prints the list of daily readings from month to month. And of its many thousands of readers, a considerable proportion, it is hoped, use these lists, studying the passages in connection with the interesting and instructive notes in the same bright little monthly, written by the Rev. Geo. Wilson, F.L.S., our late minister at Canonbury. The readings covered St. Matthew’s Gospel and the shorter Epistles of St. Paul, with texts from the minor Prophets to be committed to memory. Monthly examinations were carried on as in former years, through the medium of the ‘*Children’s Messenger*,’ questions being set and answers valued by the Rev. Alex. Jeffrey, M.A., of Ipswich, who has conducted these examinations for several years. Mr. Jeffrey writes regarding his part of the work as follows:—

The Examiner is able this year again to give a highly favourable report on the answers sent him from month to month on the questions set on the daily readings. Whilst there is a considerable falling off in the number of entrants for competition (140, as compared with 205 in 1886), those who did enter have competed with much greater regularity. The result is that 48 competitors have gained more than 75 per cent. of the possible number of marks, as compared with 49 last year. Of these 48, not fewer than 35 are seniors, and only 13 juniors. In the circumstances the Examiner has allocated 12 of the Synod’s book prizes to seniors and 8 to juniors: the remaining 28 receive Honourable Mention.

The readings for 1888 include the books of Judges (except the apocryphes), Ruth, St. John’s Gospel, and selected passages from the Apocalypse, the First Epistle of St. John being set for committal to memory. The enrolled members of the Band for 1888 number 355. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Jeffrey are still continuing their valuable assistance in the columns of the ‘*Children’s Messenger*.’ It would be of service to this scheme if the Synod would urge parents to induce their children to become members. It could not but assist the growth of

a devout knowledge of the Word of God if it were read systematically, and under such intelligent and kindly guidance as is afforded to the young folks who connect themselves with our Bible Band. Many parents have written to Mr. Jeffrey expressing their gratitude for the benefit which their children have received from the study and research needed to answer satisfactorily the monthly questions on the readings. Many of the senior children have themselves written in the same strain. The Bible Band is not of imposing dimensions, but it is a valuable stimulus to thoughtful devoutness. The Committee would be thankful if a larger number shared the quickening of mind and heart which already has been thus given to not a few of the boys and girls in our homes.

II. *Sunday Schools* (*Vice-Convener, James Robb, Esq.*).—The table on the next page sums up the Sunday School returns for 1887. There are, it will be seen, 7,268 teachers in our Sunday Schools (3,436 male and 3,832 female), of whom 6,140 (84·5 per cent.) are Communicants. Last year the teachers numbered 7,191 (3,421 male and 3,770 female). The scholars this year are 77,251 in number, of whom 16,676 are in infant classes and 6,785 in senior classes. The scholars on the rolls numbered last year 75,395, of whom fully 16,000 were in infant classes and 6,189 were in senior classes.

Besides the scholars in our Sunday Schools there are 7,967 pupils in Bible Classes, mostly conducted by Ministers.

Schools, teachers, and scholars have all increased during the last year. Sixty candidates came forward to the new examination on the Art of Teaching, chiefly from the three Presbyteries of London, Manchester, and Newcastle. Certificates and diplomas of various grades will be granted to those who pass according to the rules in force in the other Higher Instruction subjects. Those who obtain a certificate or diploma at this new examination, and who are now teachers in any of our Sunday Schools, will, in addition, receive a Teacher's Certificate. (The Teacher's Certificate will not be varied in rank as the Higher Instruction Certificates are. There will be only one form of this Certificate.) The Teacher's Certificate will be granted to those not already Sunday School teachers if, or when, they hold two Higher Instruction Certificates or Diplomas (one of which must be in a Biblical subject), besides the new certificate of a pass in the Art of Teaching. The Committee hope that this addition to their examination work may give a distinct impetus to the efforts put forth to make Sunday Schools keep pace in efficiency with the Elementary Day Schools, with which they cannot avoid comparison, and whose results have been so much higher since 1870, the great educational year in England.

The second *Children's Sunday* was, it is believed, very widely observed. The Committee have no complete returns. From those received some brief notes may be given describing the manner in which the day was observed, and the amount of interest awakened. The Committee recommend that the third Sunday in October be again set apart as the Children's Day.

Crookham: Service devoted to the children; a review of Sunday School lessons and a sermon on 1 John v. 21, on Heathen Idols and Home Idols.

CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOLS.

PRESBYTERY	No. of Schools	Number of Teachers				Number of Scholars										Messengers' Circulation.			
		Teachers				General School		Senior Classes				Total Children		Scholars who have become Communicants					
		Males	Females	Total	Communicants	Roll	Att.	Males		Females		Total			Roll		Att.		
Berwick ...	16	68	68	136	122	191	136	1,043	786	44	38	25	20	69	58	1,303	980	36	332
Birmingham ...	15	137	152	289	247	548	421	1,801	1,365	225	133	262	163	487	296	2,836	2,082	36	702
Bristol ...	9	90	94	184	156	461	369	1,322	1,058	101	75	106	83	207	158	1,990	1,585	38	288
Carlisle ...	17	99	122	221	158	212	140	1,485	1,122	25	20	47	40	72	60	1,769	1,322	2	3,388
Darlington ...	22	166	175	341	274	703	531	2,517	1,772	112	93	116	87	228	180	3,448	2,483	35	912
Liverpool ...	37	336	407	743	664	1,486	1,062	5,767	4,300	287	220	344	245	631	465	7,884	5,827	87	2,796
London ...	87	639	806	1,445	1,244	3,187	2,369	10,142	7,635	654	482	841	602	1,495	1,084	14,824	11,148	122	8,708
Manchester ...	31	294	283	577	517	1,078	804	3,856	2,929	336	215	470	312	806	527	5,740	4,260	116	2,281
Newcastle ...	51	415	454	869	735	2,044	1,382	5,930	4,529	371	276	349	272	720	548	8,694	6,459	232	4,909
Northumberland	30	94	114	208	161	144	110	1,506	1,047	104	74	64	57	168	131	1,818	1,288	41	374
	315	2,338	2,675	5,013	4,278	10,054	7,324	35,369	26,603	2,259	1,626	2,624	1,881	4,883	3,507	50,306	37,434	745	24,640
MISSION SCHOOLS.																			
Berwick ...	3	15	22	37	35	105	70	218	149	10	8	6	5	16	13	339	232	...	14
Birmingham ...	2	15	14	29	20	70	50	213	180	18	12	14	10	32	22	315	252	...	82
Bristol ...	2	22	10	32	13	22	20	263	194	8	7	...	...	8	7	293	221	...	...
Carlisle ...	9	42	52	94	72	102	74	785	572	16	9	6	4	22	13	909	659	...	...
Darlington ...	10	65	69	134	115	420	332	988	721	27	19	15	10	42	29	1,450	1,082	6	5
Liverpool ...	27	287	330	617	486	1,761	1,377	5,175	3,805	376	237	477	308	853	545	7,759	5,727	31	3,050
London ...	40	387	405	792	691	2,967	2,104	5,906	4,408	329	223	316	234	645	457	9,518	6,969	32	1,400
Manchester ...	12	96	88	184	134	406	337	1,661	1,299	67	52	109	71	176	123	2,243	1,759	31	980
Newcastle ...	23	159	158	317	279	729	541	3,047	2,107	48	33	60	46	108	79	3,884	2,727	17	100
Northumberland	5	10	9	19	17	40	30	165	110	...	...	...	...	...	...	205	140	5	...
	133	1,098	1,157	2,255	1,862	6,622	4,935	18,421	13,545	899	600	1,003	688	1,902	1,288	26,945	19,768	112	5,581

Horncliffe: Sermon preached on Prov. viii. 17. *Nottingham*: Special children's portion and sermon on the Church's Duty towards the Children, in the morning. In the evening a sermon to teachers, from Acts xviii. 25. In the afternoon at both Sunday Schools, instead of the usual lessons, earnest addresses were given by various friends. 'The day was much enjoyed by both old and young.' *Worcester*: At both morning and evening services the Sunday School children filled the gallery of the Church. Morning sermon on the Relation of the Church to the Young. Evening sermon on 'Why do our Young People leave the Presbyterian Church?' At the Sunday School in the afternoon one of the teachers gave an address on the Bible—(1) The best Book. (2) An inspired Book. (3) A blessed Book. (4) A life-giving Book. (5) An everyday Book. 'Those interested in work amongst the young are glad to have this work emphasised by the appointment of a Children's Day.' *Cheltenham*: A circular was addressed to the parents and friends of the children calling attention to the general observance of the Children's Day throughout our Church, and specially inviting their presence at Church. Special sermons were preached: morning, on Christian Nurture; afternoon, on the Scarlet Line (Josh. ii. 21); evening, on 'Come thou and all thy house into the ark.' *Crook*: Day observed on October 16, and on October 23 services repeated at the Mission Station (Willington). Morning sermon, on the Claims of Children on the Church; afternoon, sermon addressed to the children; and evening, sermon to young men. 'We hope the Children's Day will be annual.'

St. Andrew's, Stockton: Morning, children's portion, and sermon to young men and maidens (Ps. cxlviii. 12, 13). Afternoon, special addresses at school. Evening, sermon on the Claims of Children on the Church. 'The whole services felt to be profitable and stimulating.' *St. George's, Stockton*: Morning, children's portion (on the Bible), and sermon to congregation (Matt. xviii. 10). *Tow Law*: Morning, children's portion and sermon to parents. Special prayer meeting after Sunday School in the afternoon. Evening, sermon on Christ's attitude towards the Children. *St. Peter's, Liverpool*: At both morning and evening services, children's portions (on the child Samuel, and the child-king Josiah), and sermons to parents and guardians of children (texts, Col. iii. 21, and Eph. vi. 4). *St. George's, Southport*: In the morning, sermon to parents and those who have the charge of the upbringing of little ones (Ps. xlv. 16). In the afternoon a service of song was held, founded on Dr. Norman Macleod's story, 'Wee Davie.' In the evening the young people assembled in the front seats of the church, and presented an interesting and attentive audience, the older people taking their places farther back. Mr. Mellis preached to the children on the text, 'I am the Good Shepherd.' 'It was felt that a good and profitable Sunday had been spent.' *Lewes*: Morning, sermon on the Bible in the Family. Afternoon, addresses to scholars, teachers, and parents. Evening, sermon to the young. *Kingston*: Morning, sermon to the young (Prov. xxx. 24-28). Evening, sermon on Family Religion (2 Kings iv. 26). 'Much interest was manifested.' *Marylebone*: Day observed for the first time, 'and with the happiest effect.' Morning, children's portion (Prov. vi. 20, 21), and sermon to parents (Deut. vi. 6, 7). Evening, sermon to young men and maidens (Eccles. xi. 9). The classes specially addressed were present in great numbers. *New Barnet*: Morning, children's portion (on the 'Glad tidings'), and sermon on the Church's Responsibility for the Young. Afternoon, children's service, address by a lady. Evening, sermon to young men and maidens (John vi. 68). *Regent Square*: October 16 and October 23 were both Children's Days. Morning of 16th, a sermon to parents (Exod. x. 8, 9), making effective use of law of heredity as bearing on responsibilities and

hopes of parents. Evening, sermon to children of Aldenham Street Sunday Schools (John xx. 41). October 23, morning, sermon to the other Sunday Schools 'About Building' (Eph. ii. 20, 22). Evening, a sermon to young men and women, of unusual tenderness and beauty : 'Child, go work to-day in the vineyard.' *Streatham* : Morning, children's service. Afternoon, special prayer meeting for teachers. Evening, sermon to teachers and parents. 'The institution is good.' *Westbourne Grove* : Special prayer meeting at 10.30 A.M. Morning service, sermon to parents (Ps. cxxvii. 3). Evening, sermon to children (Acts ii. 39). *Portsmouth* : Morning, children's portion (Matt. vii. 12), and sermon to congregation (Luke xviii. 15, 16). Special prayer meeting in Sunday School in the afternoon. *Bolton* : Morning, sermon to children (1 Cor. iii. 11, Heb. vi. 20, and Prov. xviii. 24), on Christ the Foundation, the Forerunner, and the Friend. Afternoon, children's service, address by Caffarian Missionary. Evening, Harvest Thanksgiving service. Children's Day 'a settled institution in our congregation.' *Longsight, Manchester* : Morning, sermon to parents. Afternoon, flower service, and service of song. *Sheffield* : Prayer meeting at 9.30 A.M. Morning service, sermon to children (Matt. ix. 6). Afternoon, addresses to children. Evening, sermon to young men and women (2 Tim. i. 5). 'Much interest was manifested.' *Mile End Road, South Shields* : Morning, sermon to children (Prov. xxx. 24-28). Afternoon, service of praise ; addresses to the children. Evening, sermon to teachers and parents (Exod. ii. 9). 'The day was greatly enjoyed.' *St. George's, Sunderland* : Afternoon, special children's service. About 800 children present. Sermon to teachers and scholars (Eph. v. 1). 'A great success.' *Bavington* : Sermon to parents and children (Ps. xxiii.). *Felton* : Morning, sermon to children (Prov. xx. 11). Afternoon, Missionary address. Evening, sermon to young men and maidens (Ps. xlix. 13). *North Sunderland* : Morning, sermon to children (Ps. cxix. 105). Evening, sermon to young men. *West Church, Wooler* : Addresses on Christ and the Children, and on Foreign Missions (with diagrams).

The Shorter Catechism Examination has again been attended with gratifying success. One hundred and thirty-five children gained the Oxford Bible offered by the Committee, none of whom had made more than five mistakes of any kind, while 50 repeated the Catechism without mistake (the smallest slip, a word omitted or substituted or misplaced or added, being rigidly reckoned a mistake ; the Examiner in each case simply listening and reporting, never correcting the child nor bidding it 'try again,' while a child stopping short and unable to proceed without help is counted as having totally failed, and the examination either ceases or goes back again to the beginning of the Catechism). Prospect Street, Hull, had nine successful candidates. Fisher Street, Carlisle, had seven successful candidates, none of whom made a single mistake. In Northumberland Square, North Shields, out of nine successful candidates, eight made no mistake. The whole results are gratifying, and the scheme is manifestly creating great interest, though its continuance will scarcely be possible unless the Church considerably increases the Committee's income.

Reports on Sunday School work have been received from the Presbyteries of Birmingham, Bristol, Darlington, Liverpool, and Manchester. No doubt it is more interesting to throw mind and heart into the work than to write reports upon it. Yet it is well that the Church should

know something of the labours of its devoted members. The non-reporting Committees of Presbyteries deprive themselves of kindly recognition and praise.

Birmingham.—The Instruction Committee of this Presbytery have prepared a very careful account of the condition of their Sunday Schools, having obtained the information through a special schedule. Some of the schools are large. All of them seem well manned with teachers. *Camphill* had 12 scholars last year becoming Communicants, *New John Street* 7 (from the Bible Class), *Stafford* 4, *Wolverhampton* 13, others of the schools smaller numbers. There are Teachers' Prayer Meetings in most of the schools, but there are no preparation classes. 'In the 17 schools within the bounds there are 317 teachers, of whom 57 on an average are absent each Sunday.' The Report laments the leakage from the schools, scholars not passing from the classes into the churches but drifting away, and asks the Presbytery earnestly to consider this question. The scholars on the rolls are 353 more than two years ago.

Bristol.—'Considerable increases are reported in the number of scholars from Swansea, Swindon, Aberdare, and Cardiff.' Half of the schools have Teachers' Meetings for the study of the lessons. While *Birmingham* laments a decrease of Higher Instruction students and candidates, *Bristol* rejoices in a considerable increase. Its candidates were a much larger proportion of the young in its care than in the other Presbyteries. 109 scholars became Communicants during the year, probably partly the fruit of special missions to the children in several of the churches. Two years ago only 10 scholars became Communicants during the year. 'Fellowship and Prayer Meetings for young believers are being formed, and there are two branches of the White Cross Army.' All the churches observed the Children's Day.

Darlington.—The scholars have increased by 52, but the average attendance has decreased by 138. Fewer scholars have become communicants this year. On the other hand, the Children's Missionary gifts have increased by £4 5s. Sixteen of the 20 churches observed the Children's Day.

Liverpool.—One-third of the schools have been specially visited during the year. The visitors were impressed by the earnestness and diligence they everywhere saw. 'In nearly all the Congregations visited there are two schools, a Mission school as well as the Congregational school. One Congregation has 3 schools, and another 5.' The Mission schools are largely attended, and well conducted. 'Temperance work is not neglected. Bands of Hope exist in connection with most of the schools visited.' Over the whole Presbytery last year's figures show a decrease both of scholars and teachers.

Manchester.—In this Presbytery pulpit exchanges are arranged twice a year, and on these occasions the Ministers are expected to visit the schools of the churches in which they preach. Their reports are hopeful. The Shorter Catechism is taught in most of the schools. The 'Children's Messenger' is very generally circulated. The cause of Missions is not forgotten.

The Committee would like to be greatly more helpful to those engaged in Sunday School work than has yet been in their power. They desire at least to assure our devoted band of teachers of their warm appreciation of their labours, and their sympathy with them in difficulties and discouragements. They beg for Sunday Schools, and for the children generally, a larger place in the ministrations and specially in the prayers of the Sanctuary. The Lord will enrich the Church whose love and prayers most eagerly surround His lambs. The Church is greatly

indebted to Dr. Symington, who kindly wrote a most interesting New Year's address for the children, entitled 'The Fountain.' More than 4,000 copies of the address were circulated.

III. *Higher Instruction (Vice-Convener, Rev. P. Carmichael, B.D.).*—A supplementary Report will be presented to the Synod, containing the results of the recent examinations. There is a considerable decrease in the number of candidates this year as compared with last. The figures are 843 as against 957. Sixty names are entered for examination in Dr. Morrison's 'Handbook for Sabbath School Teachers.' It is hoped that still greater advantage will be taken of this part of the scheme, offering, as it does, an acquaintance with good methods of communicating knowledge, of quickening the children's minds, and acknowledging this acquaintance with the principles of teaching by a badge of honour. The Examination Papers are as usual appended to the Report. (See Appendix.)

The number of Congregations sending up candidates is 71, as against 84 last year. That only one out of every four Congregations in the Church should have taken advantage of the scheme is discouraging. The Presbyteries of Birmingham, Bristol, and Northumberland have fallen off considerably, in proportion to their size, and, to some extent, also London and Newcastle. There is an increase in Berwick and Liverpool. Carlisle has one Congregation less but ten candidates more; Manchester, one Congregation more but eleven candidates less. The Presbytery of Darlington is specially to be commended, as the number of Congregations is nearly doubled, and that of candidates increased by a third. Forty students of Hulme Cliffe College have taken part in the examinations this year. They are not entered under any Presbytery. The following are the numbers of candidates in each of the five subjects of examination :—

Presbyteries	Congregations	Competitors	Numbers to be examined on									
			Judges		Luke		The Catechism		Rock & Sand		S. S. T. Handbook	
			Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior
Berwick . .	4	12	0	0	4	0	0	3	2	3	0	0
Birmingham	2	11	2	0	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Bristol . .	3	55	27	0	3	7	6	0	0	12	0	0
Carlisle . .	3	39	13	3	15	7	0	0	1	0	0	0
Darlington .	9	63	25	14	13	1	3	1	3	3	0	0
Liverpool .	11	134	21	14	66	21	6	2	2	2	0	0
London . .	21	255	24	10	78	40	19	10	17	31	5	21
Manchester .	5	51	12	2	10	0	8	3	0	0	0	16
Newcastle .	10	87	12	1	10	4	19	2	13	10	0	16
Northumberland . .	3	16	1	1	9	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
Total . .	71	723	137	45	214	82	62	21	39	63	5	55
Hulme Cliffe College. .	—	120	0	40	0	40	0	40	0	0	0	0
Total . .	71	843	137	85	214	122	62	61	39	63	5	55

There are thus 457 juniors against 564 last year, and 386 seniors against 393 last year.

The returns as to the occupations of the competitors are meagre, but of those reported upon it appears that 57 are engaged in teaching, 44 are students, 75 are artisans or engaged in trade, 8 are milliners or dress-makers, 58 are clerks, and 13 are in service or employed in manual labour.

It may be of interest to give again this year the numbers of those reported to have been studying the various Higher Instruction subjects, in addition to such as are candidates for examination. As in some cases the particular subject was specially studied in the Minister's class, and in others gave direction to a series of addresses of a more public kind, it will be sufficient to give results in the gross. Numbers who have studied Judges, 400; Luke, 324; Catechism, 210; Rock v. Sand, 132; S. S. T. Handbook, 88; making a total of 1,154. The returns on which these figures are based are, however, known to be far from complete.

The examinations have this year been conducted by the following gentlemen:—

JUDGES.

Examiner-in-Chief: Rev. J. D. WATTERS, M.A., Cardiff.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division.—Section A.—Rev. C. Friskin, Mount Pleasant. Section B.—A. N. MacNicol, Esq., London.

Senior Division.—Section A.—Rev. J. T. Middlemiss, M.A., Sunderland. Section B.—Rev. W. M. McPhail, M.A., London.

LUKE.

Examiner-in-Chief: Rev. Dr. NICOLSON.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division.—Section A.—Rev. T. Howell, Stockton. Section B.—W. Rattray, Esq., Hulme Cliffe College, near Sheffield.

Senior Division.—Section A.—J. Oswald, Esq., High School, Fallowfield, Manchester. Section B.—Rev. W. E. Crothers, Leeds.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Examiners-in-Chief: Rev. Dr. MURPHY and Rev. D. MATHESON, M.A.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division.—Section A.—Alexander Clark, Esq., M.A., London. Section B.—Rev. James Fraser, M.A., Birkenhead.

Senior Division.—Section A.—Rev. J. Robertson, M.A., Pendleton, Manchester. Section B.—Rev. J. Wallace, M.A., Redcar.

ROCK v. SAND.

Examiner-in-Chief: Rev. J. B. THORBURN, B.D.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division.—Section A.—Rev. J. Mackintosh, M.A., London. Section B.—Rev. W. Ferguson, Barrow-in-Furness.

Senior Division.—Section A.—Rev. G. Wilson, M.A., F.L.S., Canonbury, London. Section B.—Rev. W. D. Fairbairn, M.A., Manchester.

THE ART OF TEACHING.

Examiner-in-Chief: Rev. ALEX. JEFFREY, M.A.

Sub-Examiners: Junior Division.—Section A.—Rev. Joseph Forrest, M.A., Douglas. Section B.—John Scott, Esq., Corporation Academy, Berwick-on-Tweed.

Senior Division.—Section A.—Rev. Wm. Dryburgh, M.A., B.D., Sunderland. Section B.—James Hardie, Esq., M.A., Linton House School, Notting Hill, London.

Dr. Murphy prepared the questions on the Shorter Catechism before his removal to Belfast. At the request of the Committee the rest of the work of the Examiner-in-Chief on this subject was done by the Rev. Donald Matheson, M.A. Professor Macalister was unable to undertake the duty of an Examiner this year, and his place has been supplied by the Rev. J. B. Thorburn. The Committee recommend that these two brethren be appointed members of the Board of Examiners, this year to be reckoned the first of their term of four years. Dr. Nicolson's term of service expires this year, but, as there are only four subjects in the programme of studies for 1888–89 instead of five, it is not necessary to appoint an Examiner in his place. The Synod is asked to appoint Mr. Watters of Cardiff Chairman of the Board (in room of Dr. Murphy), with a seat on the Committee during his term of office.

The Essay Adjudicators this year are the gentlemen who did this work last year also: for the Senior Essays, the Rev. F. F. Young, of Wark, and Professor Gibb; and for the Junior Essays, the Rev. Wm. Young, of Higher Broughton, and the Rev. H. M. Mackenzie, of Southwark.

The approval of the Synod is requested for the following syllabus of studies for next session:—

(I.) SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATION.

1. The Kings of Israel.
2. The Life of Christ.
3. The Connection of the New Testament with Secular History.
4. The Art of Teaching.

(II.) SUBJECT FOR ESSAY.

The Obligation and Advantages of the Observance of the Lord's Day.

The Essay-subject has been chosen at the suggestion of a generous friend of the Church who is setting apart a sum of £200, £40 or £50 to be spent on Higher Instruction Essay Prizes on the subject named, and the remainder to be devoted to prizes to be offered to our Sunday Scholars (one or two to each Sunday School) for short Essays on 'The Personal and Family Advantages of the Observance of the Lord's Day.'

The Higher Instruction syllabus, with full information as to textbooks, &c., will be appended to the copies of the complete report which will be sent to successful candidates at the recent examinations. Copies of it will be sent to teachers and students on application; and it will be frequently printed in the 'Presbyterian Messenger.'

IV. *Day Schools* (*Vice-Convener, Rev. John Reid, M.A., Leeds*).—Mr. Reid has received and examined schedules and Government reports from 15 schools. This is an increase of one on the previous year, viz., that in connection with West Church, Wooler. With one or two exceptions the schedules have been carefully filled up and duly forwarded.

There is a decided improvement in the condition of the schools,

which may be credited in part at least to the pressure exerted by the Committee during the past two years. With one exception the schools have all done better at the Government inspections. The following table shows the results for the past three years :—

Year	Schools	Passed per cent.	Percentage of Passes in			Govt. Grant		
			Reading	Writing	Arithmetic			
1885	12	77·79	89·45	78·73	65·20	£	s.	d.
1886	13	71·40	88·77	67·19	58·24	571	1	6
1887	14	81·42	89·42	80·06	74·77	533	16	4
						649	4	0
Average	13	76·87	89·21	75·32	66·07	584	7	3

Whilst the above table shows improvement in the percentage of passes, it will also be found to show that the average amount of Government grant received per school has decreased. In each year special grants (under § 3, Codes 1884 and 1887, for schools in thinly peopled districts) have been made, amounting to £90. When these special grants have been deducted, the average amount received per school in 1885 is £40 1s. 9½d.; in 1886, £41 16s. 7½d.; and in 1887, £39 18s. 10¼d. The decrease of grants is of course due to smaller numbers having been presented for examination. The number of children attending our schools appears to be gradually decreasing. In 1884, 13 schools had 1,004 on the Roll; in 1885, 13 schools had 996; in 1886, 14 schools had 1,028; and in 1887, 15 schools had 1,109. The infant school at Wharton, with 124 on the Roll, presented 92 to Her Majesty's Inspector, and obtained a grant of £55 10s. In 1886 the corresponding figures were 126, 105, and £55 16s. 6d.; and in 1885, 132, 101, and £58 14s. 6d.

During the year the Committee has carried into effect the deliverance of last Synod (Minutes 1887, p. 332), and after long and careful deliberation has adopted a scale according to which the amount of the grants will depend upon the percentage of passes as shown in Her Majesty's Inspector's report (the Committee requiring, however, that in each case the Presbytery shall certify that religious instruction is being imparted in a satisfactory manner, as a condition of any Synodical grant being made). In fixing this scale the Committee have taken into account the disadvantages of those schools which are situated in thinly peopled districts, and has apportioned them a higher rate. Under the old system £177 would this year have been voted to the 15 schools. Under the new scale the schools have earned £176 18s. 5d. The Committee has voted, *ex gratia*, £2 10s. additional to the teacher of one school. The total amount granted this year is, therefore, £179 8s. 5d.

The Committee's new rules for determining the grants do not at all aim at reducing their total amount. It is indeed now in the power of the schools to earn considerably larger sums than they have ever before received. What the new departure aims at is to make the grant in each case directly depend on the efficiency of the school.

The Synod will notice that the amount of grant has largely increased during the past three years. In 1885 the total was £157; in 1886, £162; and this year it has reached £179 8s. 5d.

A tolerably full account was given to the Synod last year of the Day Schools in connection with a number of our Congregations which receive no Synodical grants. It is not necessary to repeat last year's figures, and no later returns are available. But the Church should gladly remember and note that these schools (some of them very large schools) are known to be in efficient condition. It might perhaps be advisable, year by year, to report in some detail on the work of these schools also, if the managers would not object to fill up Annual Schedules for the Committee.

V. Dr. Dykes proposed to the Committee to retire from the Conventership at the meeting of Synod, feeling himself overburdened with public work. The Committee felt that their future success would be endangered if they lost his guidance before their various schemes are thoroughly established. But they are anxious to give Dr. Dykes every possible relief, and they accordingly suggest that a Joint Convener be appointed. For this post they most cordially recommend the name of Dr. Monro Gibson.

VI. The Committee desire, in conclusion, to express their grateful thanks to the many brethren who, as Examiners, Correspondents from Presbyteries, and in other capacities, have given them assistance in carrying on their work. They beg from the Synod and from the Church the largest love and encouragement for all workers amongst the young. And they earnestly trust that, so far from being driven through lack of means to abandon some of their schemes (such as the Shorter Catechism examination), our people may make it possible to enter on new plans of usefulness. Surely no parsimony could be so unwise as that which would diminish the helpfulness of the Church's supervision of the religious culture of the children for whom she has become responsible to Christ.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

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[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 912.]

APPENDIX.

HIGHER INSTRUCTION SCHEME.

Reports on the Examinations.

A. STATEMENT OF RESULTS.

ALTHOUGH the number of competitors is less than last year, it will be seen, from the Reports of Examiners and Adjudicators, that there has been no falling off in the excellence of the papers submitted, and that good, honest work has been done. Not so much interest has been taken in the fifth subject as was hoped, but there is no reason why that interest

should not grow. It is also to be regretted that such a large percentage of candidates, whose names were given in in February, became unable or indisposed to go to the examination-room. It would be well in such cases that no encouragement should be wanting on the part of Ministers and teachers.

The returns of the Examiners and the Essay Adjudicators are as follows :

JUNIORS.

	Medals	With Distinction	With Credit	Passes	Total
Judges . . .	7	22	39	32	100
Luke	3	22	93	33	151
Catechism . . .	13	15	15	4	47
Rock v. Sand . . .	3	8	11	3	25
Handbook . . .	0	1	1	2	4
Essays	1	3	2	3	9
Total	27	71	163	78	336

SENIORS.

	Medals	With Distinction	With Credit	Passes	Total
Judges	6	29	26	7	68
Luke	3	5	57	27	92
Catechism . . .	4	26	22	1	53
Rock v. Sand . . .	4	13	19	4	40
Handbook	5	10	11	8	34
Essays	1	0	4	3	8
Total	23	83	137	50	295

B. REPORTS OF EXAMINERS-IN-CHIEF.

1. *Period of the Judges.*

Rev. J. T. Middlemiss, one of the sub-examiners, reports: 'Having examined papers now for three years, I am under the impression that the average is higher this year than on any of the three previous.' My own revision of the papers confirms this opinion. The Junior questions related chiefly to historical facts, and the answers indicated an accurate and thorough acquaintance, not only of the text-book, but of the Book of Judges itself.

Most of the Senior questions required some thoughtfulness and judgment, and, singularly enough, the candidates seemed to prefer such questions to those which simply dealt with the narrative.

The Committee should rejoice, I think, in the knowledge that through this agency an intelligent and devout understanding of the Book of Judges has been spread through the Church. Grateful thanks are due to the sub-examiners for their painstaking and laborious task in valuing the papers.

J. DOUGLAS WATERS.

2. *Gospel of Luke.*

I have much satisfaction in transmitting to you the results of the examination on the Gospel of Luke, chapters xiii. to xxiv. Speaking generally, the papers bear evidence of careful and conscientious work, while the intelligence shown in dealing with questions which gave free play for original thought is highly creditable. The percentage of failures is not great.

I have again had the greatest satisfaction in co-operating with the Rev. T. Howell and Mr. Rattray, of Hulme Cliffe College, the latter of whom forwarded his papers within a week after he received them from the various centres. Mr. Rattray sends also his opinion that 'the Church is doing a great work and a most valuable in directing and encouraging the young in the home study of the Bible.'

In the Senior division, Mr. Oswald, of the High School, Fallowfield, Manchester, gave his valuable help along with the Rev. W. E. Crothers in like manner. The former thinks 'there is a decided improvement upon former years,' and that 'the acquaintance with Scripture must be particularly gratifying to all who take an interest in the Higher Instruction Scheme.'

What has given me peculiar pleasure is not merely the evidence of hard work, but still more the traces of a loving and devout appreciation of the spiritual power of our Master's teaching. One sees with pleasure that the seed-corn of the kingdom has fallen neither upon wayside and callous natures, nor in shallow and superficial minds, but into minds and hearts prepared and deepened by the grace of God. The benefits of such work are simply incalculable.

W. MILLAR NICOLSON.

3. *Shorter Catechism.*

The questions set by Dr. Murphy on the concluding part of the Shorter Catechism produced 53 Senior papers and 50 Junior, almost all of which were fairly good and a few remarkably so. In the Junior papers many good answers were given to the testing questions, 'What do you understand by Salvation?' and 'What is the meaning of engrafting into Christ?' The moral healing as well as the removal of penalty implied in salvation, and the future and present aspects of that comprehensive word, were well recognised and even well stated.

One point deserved serious attention, none the less from the general excellence of the papers. The Seniors (20 years old and upward) may be presumed to be mostly communicants. But the answers about the Lord's Supper provoke the doubt whether communion classes exist in our congregations, and whether any adequate knowledge of the ordinance is made to take the place of serious current error before communicants are admitted by sessions.

Question 3, on Sacramental Grace, is a practical one in this country. The point of it was missed by about nine-tenths of the candidates. Rambling and unsatisfactory statements of the supposed value of the Lord's Supper were too often given, and positive error as well as vague-

ness was sadly common considering the class of candidates. Question 4, 'What great doctrines are symbolised in the Lord's Supper?' produced frequently random lists of doctrines, including most remote doctrines as well as the right ones or some of them. Most remarkable was the absence from all but either one or two papers of any allusion to the communion or participation of believers in one body, part of the fundamental symbolism well emphasised in our own form of the rite. In the former question at least the students had the clearest and fullest help from Dr. Whyte's admirable text-book.

DONALD MATHESON,
Examiner.

4. *Rock v. Sand.*

There were not many candidates, but the quality of their answering was decidedly good, especially among the Seniors, as might have been expected from the nature of the subject. There was a tendency among the Juniors, where a question had been made simple by limiting its scope, to give all that the text-book says on the subject as a whole, thereby curtailing and injuring the only relevant part of the answer.

In common with the sub-examiners with whose careful and judicious assistance I was favoured, I have been impressed with proofs that the text-book had been not only mastered by the memory but digested by the understanding. The most of the candidates have earnestly studied this handbook of Christian evidence, have made their own its arguments and replies, and so have evidently been confirmed in their faith, and furnished against the open or insidious assaults of scepticism.

The Rev. Mr. Ferguson says: 'The papers strike me as far superior to those examined in previous years. The subject has been much better understood. In fact, there are few papers (in the Junior division very few indeed) which fail to show that a profitable use has been made of the text-book, and an admirable acquaintance gained with its subject.'

J. B. THORBURN.

5. *The Art of Teaching.*

The number of candidates presenting themselves for examination on this subject is disappointingly small. In the Junior division only four papers have been sent in; and though they have all passed the requisite standard, they cannot as a whole be considered of special merit.

In these circumstances it may be necessary for the Committee seriously to consider whether it is wise to have two sets of questions on this subject.

In the Senior division thirty-five candidates worked papers, and of these I am able to speak in terms of the highest praise. Five have won medals, ten have passed with distinction, and only one has failed. The handbook has evidently been studied with extreme diligence by all the candidates. Only in three or four cases do the answers appear to be the outcome merely of 'cram;' the papers, as a whole, show an intelligent knowledge of the subject, and a thorough mental grasp of its leading

rules and principles. My duties as Examiner have been very light, the text-book lending itself admirably to the work of examination, and the sub-examiners (all of them practical teachers) having evidently done their work *con amore*, and with exemplary skill and thoroughness. All the candidates who have passed are worthy of being certified by the Synod as possessing a competent knowledge of the principles and practice of Sabbath school teaching. May the thirty-four prove to be the advanced guard of a mighty army equally well equipped!

ALEX. JEFFREY.

6. *Senior Essays (on Richard Baxter).*

Eight essays were sent in. All of them bear evidence of diligent reading, and a few show fair power of composition; but, on the whole, as regards effective recital of the facts of the story, the result is somewhat disappointing.

Highest in respect of merit stands the essay by *Nonconformist*; a careful statement of the facts of Baxter's life, in language which, as a rule, is correct.

Then comes *Jago Eirwir*, an essay which also contains a full narrative, marred, however, by occasional inaccuracies in expression.

The next in order, *Nil Desperandum*, while its narrative contains ample details, and is characterised, in parts, by some descriptive power, falls off sadly, alike in style of treatment and in correctness of expression, long before the close.

The next, *Homo Sum*, with an account of facts which is both full and accurate, is poor in thought and style.

The Work of the Night Watches, bracketed with the foregoing, gives a faithful narrative in a somewhat faulty style.

He was what he was by the grace of God; a careful narrative, but expression too often faulty.

The two remaining essays, *Seraphic Fervour* and *Wisdom is better than Rubies*, bracketed as equal, while accurate in respect of the facts which they record, are frequently careless in their style of expression.

FORREST F. YOUNG,
Convener

7. *Junior Essays (on Jewish Sects in the Time of Christ).*

Nine essays have been examined. Of these, two should perhaps have been disqualified on the ground of length. The limit is 6,000 words, and they extend to about 7,000. The Examiners wish to treat the mistake leniently, as this is the first time it has been made. Essayists, however, should endeavour to comply with the prescribed conditions.

The following brief notes may be interesting and useful to the Essayists.

Bon-accord.—Carefully written, and shows considerable painstaking. Essayist will do better work by-and-by. Spelling and grammar must be studied.

Love one another.—Concise and marked by some good points. Idea regarding the subject to be treated somewhat confused. Spelling requires attention.

Nec temere nec timide.—A very creditable piece of work in every way.

Spero.—A well-expressed, able essay. Diction not only correct, but often forceful. Perhaps a tendency to exaggeration, which leaves the impression that the people described had no good qualities, but were altogether evil. A few more details as to the origin of names, &c., would have been desirable.

Scriba.—A good essay as to matter and diction. Shows signs of extensive and careful reading. A little defective spelling. The chief fault as to form is the want of paragraphing—the whole essay being written right on without break of any kind whatever.

Ora et labora.—A full, carefully prepared paper. Careful to give authorities, which is a good point. Shows some independent thinking. The word ‘belief’ and its derivatives almost uniformly misspelled, but there are few other errors in spelling or grammar.

Labor omnia vincit.—A full account of the various sects. Composition shows signs of haste or want of care. Essayist *could* do better. Much careless orthography, *e.g.* ‘Pentateuch’ always wrongly spelled. Some statements in the essay want balance. Authorities are carefully given. Sentences often unwieldy and involved. Should be broken up and shorter.

Animo et fide.—Marked by painstaking efforts to do justice to the subject. Some confusion of thought, however, as to the ‘sects.’ Composition rather careless, and spelling requires attention.

Semper idem.—Contains a pretty fair account of the various sects, but not in the best order. A good many errors in spelling and grammar.

WILLIAM YOUNG,
Convener.

XII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
TEMPERANCE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

For several years our Church in successive Synods has shown its sense of the gravity of the evil of intemperance with which our land is burdened, and of the urgent need for improvement in our legislative position with regard to the drink traffic, by petitioning Parliament to place the issue of licenses under the direct control of the people, and to close public-houses during the whole of the Lord's Day. Your Committee deeply regret that the Acts of Parliament pleaded for by us, and by so many representatives of public opinion, have not yet been obtained. There is, however, abundant evidence to show that a great and increasing majority of the people is in favour of these measures, and to encourage the hope that they will soon be enacted. Meanwhile we would reaffirm our assurance that these objects are pre-eminently desirable, and ask the people of God to pray earnestly and unwearyingly that the minds of our legislators may be influenced in their favour.

While thus recognising the need for Parliamentary action, we do not forget that there is even greater need for improvement in the habits of the people, only to be effected by the force of loving persuasion. Herein lies a demand on the zeal and energy of the Church, (1) to make it very clear that the conscience of the Church is properly tender in relation to the sin of intemperance, and all culpable association with any thing that fosters the evil in our midst; (2) to familiarise the people with unknown or neglected truths concerning the dangers attendant on the use of alcoholic stimulants, and thus to safeguard the young and the unwary; (3) to use towards the victims of the vice Christlike consideration, sympathy, and self-sacrifice, so as 'to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.' The information furnished us proves that this work is being largely prosecuted throughout the Church, although signal instances of success in widely differing circumstances

seem to teach that more might be accomplished in many quarters if appropriate methods of work were followed. We rejoice to note that Bands of Hope continue to flourish and to multiply, for this department of work is at once the most needed and the most rewarding.

In several cases Presbyterial Committees appear not to have found much practical work to do. We would draw special attention, therefore, to the Report of the London Committee, which has done useful and highly appreciated work in the visitation of the temperance organisations within reach. Might it not also be practicable and beneficial for Presbyterial Committees to make use of the occasions that arise from time to time to express opinion on national and local aspects of the Drink question?

Your Committee were represented at a conference of religious Temperance organisations which decided to observe the last Sunday in November as Temperance Sunday. They issued a circular recommending the observance of the day, and believe that this recommendation was very generally complied with.

The attention of the Committee was directed by a communication from the United Presbyterian Church Temperance Committee to the evils arising from the liquor traffic among native races, and it was considered desirable that our Church should take part in any combined action that might be arranged for in urging Government to promote united repressive legislation, and in making an appeal on the subject to British merchants.

The debt to the Publications Committee has been paid off; and in order that we may have in future an income sufficient to carry out several practical projects, and generally to conduct the affairs of our Presbyterian Church of England Temperance Society with greater efficiency, a list of annual subscribers has been opened. Our best thanks are due to the Convener for his zealous and successful services in raising the funds required to meet the deficit, which at the time of his appointment amounted to over £80.

PRESBYTERY REPORTS.

1. *Berwick*.—Most of the Ministers report that they preached on Temperance at the request of the Synod's Committee. The cause is making slow but steady progress.

2. *Birmingham*.—Temperance sermon generally preached. Bands of Hope in most of the congregations.

3. *Bristol*.—‘It is gratifying to be able to report that the good cause of Gospel Temperance is making steady progress within our Congregations. Special Temperance organisations exist in all Congregations except one, and there the Minister doubts whether a dozen could be found who are not total abstainers.’ Bristol, Cardiff, Plymouth, and Swansea have large and flourishing societies.

4. *Carlisle*.—No report.

5. *Darlington*.—Temperance work is well to the front.

6. *Liverpool*.—Owing to special circumstances the Committee of this Presbytery has not met, and no Report is forthcoming.

7. *London*.—Special visitation of the London Temperance societies has been carried out by the Committee with gratifying results, and a list of the Superintendents, with days and hours of meetings, is published. Very successful work is reported from Camden Road, Wood Green, Somers Town, Belgrave, and St. John's Wood.

8. *Manchester*.—There is no great change to report. The large societies at St. George's, Blackburn, Preston, and Union Street Mission continue to flourish, and at Sale a branch worked on the dual basis, with separate societies for adults and children, is growing satisfactorily. The experiment of a Presbyterial Band of Hope Union has not been found to answer the expectations of its founders, the work being already well done by the undenominational Union. Temperance Sunday received the attention of the Committee. Two Temperance Missions have been held. During the Sheffield Mission, partly Evangelistic and partly Temperance, 50 new pledges were taken, mostly of adults.

9. *Newcastle*.—The Temperance cause is being well and systematically worked in the Presbytery: not perhaps so much by spasmodic efforts as by being made a regular department of Church work. More might be done, yet there is much reason for thankfulness for the attention paid to this question.

10. *Northumberland*.—The returns to hand show there are five Temperance organisations in connection with three of our Congregations, which are doing a variety of useful and interesting work. A Band of Hope has been started at Newbiggin-by-the-Sea with encouraging success.

The appended summary of statistical returns shows that the number of societies reported has risen from 234 to 249, but the reported membership is 22,776, nearly a thousand less than in the previous year. As, however, there is a decrease of 1,500 in the Presbytery of Liverpool, and of more than a thousand in the Presbytery of Manchester, while the reports from these Presbyteries give no indication of any decline in the work, the difference must be attributed in large measure to incomplete returns. We would press upon those responsible for these reports that their value depends on their fulness and accuracy.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

ROBERT WALES,

Convener.

APPENDIX.

Summary of Temperance Statistics for Year ending December 31, 1887.

	Berwick		Birmingham		Bristol		Carlisle		Darlington		Liverpool		London		Manchester		Newcastle		Northumberland		Total	
	No.	Members	No.	Members	No.	Members	No.	Members	No.	Members	No.	Members	No.	Members	No.	Members	No.	Members	No.	Members	No.	Members
Temperance Societies	5	426	3	164	2	45	2	43	1	120	7	447	24	1,356	4	460	7	465	2	89	57	3,615
Band of Hope	5	385	9	633	9	708	4	436	10	512	29	3,249	49	4,361	20	2,556	38	4,375	2	130	175	17,345
Gospel Temperance Societies	1	108	...	...	1	17	...	...	...	...	3	200	1	100	...	...	...	...	1	132	7	557
Blue Ribbon Army	1	(no return)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Family Temperance Benefit Society	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	129	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	129
Band of Hope and Blue Ribbon Army	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	250	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	250
Band of Promise	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	113	...	(no return)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	113
Young Men's Temperance Society	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	return	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Total Abstinence Society	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	205	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	205
Congregational Society and Band of Hope	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	143	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	143
Temperance Society and Band of Hope	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	160	1	222	...	...	2	382
Gospel Temperance Society and Band of Hope	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	37
	12	919	12	797	12	770	6	479	11	632	42	4,388	77	6,165	25	3,176	46	5,062	6	388	249	22,776

XIII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROVISION
FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR SOLDIERS
AND SAILORS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

WITH few exceptions Acting Chaplains report that the number of Presbyterian troops at Regimental District Headquarters during the past year has been very small. It has been the same with the soldiers of all denominations in Great Britain. Ireland, Egypt, and India have made heavy demands upon our small but gallant army.

It is encouraging to know that all through the Army Presbyterian soldiers take a high position as to education, general intelligence, and conduct.

Increasing attention is being shown now in all quarters to promote the comfort and well-being of soldiers when off duty and out of barracks. There are few garrison towns that do not possess a Soldiers' Institute, where lectures, concerts, and entertainments of different kinds are frequently given, and where the men can turn in at pleasure to avail themselves of the reading-room. These Institutes are also quietly doing good work along the lines of teetotalism, and your Committee would earnestly recommend Acting Chaplains to give an occasional hour so as to encourage them.

Since the Primary Education Act came into operation in 1870 the standard of knowledge has gradually increased, until at last the proportion of unlettered recruits has become so small that within the last few months the office of Regimental Schoolmaster has ceased to exist throughout the British Army.

Your Committee lament the sudden death of the Rev. William Fraser, M.A., of Brighton, who was a most active and efficient Chaplain. Mr. Fraser's death produced a deep impression upon the men of the Scots Greys, who were quartered at Brighton at the time of his decease, and his remains were borne from the hearse to the grave by a detachment of the regiment. A few extracts from Chaplains' reports are submitted.

The Rev. John Patterson, *Canterbury*, reports:—

We have at present on our books the names of 81 men connected with different regiments. We have had an average attendance during the past year of about 60 men every Sabbath morning. It gives me great pleasure to state that quite a number of these also attend the evening service, although it is not then compulsory for them to do so. Those soldiers who live in the married quarters are visited once every week, while

the sick and convalescent in hospital are attended to on an average twice every week. During the past six months the congregation of St. Andrew's has twice entertained all our soldiers to tea, and these reunions have proved very enjoyable and have tended not a little to strengthen the bond of sympathy between us and our military friends.

The Rev. James Christic, B.A., *Carlisle*, reports:—

The number of Presbyterians in the Regular and Militia battalions during this last year has shown a considerable increase over previous years. The men are never very long at headquarters, the Militia are disbanded as soon as the training is over, and detachments from the Regulars are constantly being sent over to Ireland. I visit the men every week, and also the married quarters. The Soldiers' Institute is supported with great spirit, and I often find occasion to look in at night and say a kind word, as also to give addresses at the entertainments.

The Rev. S. D. Scammell, *Chatham*, reports:—

As to the soldiers I have nothing to do with them officially, there being a Presbyterian Chaplain who happens to be the Minister of the little Scotch Church at New Brompton. He holds a service for them at a hall near the barracks, but in the evening some 40 or so of the Royal Marines and Royal Engineers attend our Church. There is a Commissariat depôt and an Ambulance depôt with a hospital. The Presbyterians attend in the morning by permission, but I am not recognised as Chaplain. I visit freely among the men of both depôts.

As to the sailors it is different. I have been duly appointed Chaplain, and in Chatham the Navy is well represented. Fifty Presbyterians are on the list on an average. The men march from the Dockyard to the Church on Sunday morning. I visit the ships, especially the depôt of the 'Medway Steam Reserve,' which is the headquarters of the men who are out of commission. I also visit at the Great Naval Hospital. At our week evening meetings the red and the blue are often united.

The Rev. H. Millican, *Guernsey*, reports:—

Since my last report, the periodical change of troops has carried away from this island the Gordon Highlanders, and brought in their stead the Border Regiment, whose depôt is at Carlisle. The Gordons left for Belfast in the middle of August, with the best wishes of a whole insular community. The generally excellent conduct of the battalion had won for rank and file a high place in the good-will and respect of the public, and thousands assembled to give them a parting cheer on the day of their embarkation. Always treated with friendly consideration and kindness by the resident portion of our congregation, very many of the non-commissioned officers and men made themselves quite at home with us, taking part in all schemes that were projected for the benefit of the Church. In the spring of the year the regiment, by permission of the commanding officer, gave a second concert and assault-at-arms for the purpose of providing our church with a new organ. Towards this desirable object their whole contributions amounted to over 60*l*. The instrument was opened only a day or two prior to the removal of the regiment, and bears a nickel-silver plate recording the share the regiment had in its erection. We shall ever look upon our handsome and excellent (though as yet incomplete) organ with pleasure, and as a proof that our endeavours to win the confidence and friendship of these soldiers were not unavailing. We tried our utmost to interest them in Divine things. In church, hospital, school, barrack quarters, and cells, week by week, they heard the gospel of Jesus Christ in plainness and simplicity. Immorality was denounced and discouraged, and virtue recommended and approved. We

dare not believe that the word of God has been wholly without effect upon them. In the Border Regiment, or the portion of it in garrison here, there are only 15 or 16 Presbyterians. They are men of very good character, and five or six of these may always be seen in church on Sabbath evenings. When new men arrive from the depôt, I make it a rule to speak to them a few words of kindly welcome from the pulpit on the first Sabbath morning of their attendance at church, and I have good evidence that the Borderers, as well as their predecessors, have been glad to listen to such words. We have only five or six Royal Artillerymen, the battery at present quartered here being an Irish one and almost wholly Roman Catholic. In the battery that left here in November we had 32. In the Ordnance Department we have two non-commissioned officers, and in the Guernsey Militia Regiments five staff-sergeants. The whole number now under my charge as Acting Chaplain is about 24. They are scattered very much over the island, and several of them can come only occasionally to church, but I visit them as often as I can in their respective quarters. During the year I have officiated at six baptisms and one marriage among the military.

The Rev. Alex. Jeffrey, *Ipswich*, reports :—

We have had a larger number of troops this year, and their attendance at morning service has been exemplary. I have been greatly helped in the work of personal dealing with the men by our new Army Scripture Reader, who is himself an old soldier, a staunch Presbyterian, and a thorough-going Christian.

The Rev. Joseph Wood, *Plymouth*, reports :—

The number of officers and men under my care during 1887, exclusive of women and children, has been 762. Of these 520 were soldiers, 214 sailors, and 28 marines. The increase in the number of men over the previous year was owing to the presence of a fresh Scotch regiment at the station. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders landed at Plymouth from Egypt in the end of March, and are still in garrison here. The number of Presbyterians in this regiment is unusually large. Finding there was some inconvenience in marching so considerable a body of men to our church during the winter months, I offered to conduct a separate service at Devonport each Sunday morning. This offer was gladly accepted by the General commanding the district and by the Colonel of the regiment, and so I have conducted a special Military Service in the Garrison Chapel at 9.15 A.M. each Sunday since November last.

My work in this large and important field of labour is somewhat onerous. In addition to my Sabbath services I have religious instruction classes for the boys of the band and the children of the soldiers twice each week. The hospitals, both naval and military, are visited at least once each week, and more frequently when serious cases of sickness are present; the families of married soldiers and the Female Military Hospital come also within the range of my visits.

I might give one striking instance of good accomplished, in the case of a seaman who died in the Naval Hospital, through the blessing of God on my ministrations. At the time of his admission he was exceedingly careless, but during the course of a lengthened illness the truth was brought home to his heart with power, and at last his end was triumphant. His parting words to me were, 'I shall meet you in heaven, happy, happy, happy!' his beaming countenance testifying to his inward joy.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JAMES CHRISTIE,

Convener.

XIV.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRAISE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

YOUR Committee are pleased to be able to report that the interest taken in the subject of Congregational Psalmody during the last few years continues to be fairly well sustained. This year the Committee have issued a circular in harmony with the remit of Synod, requesting clerks and corresponding members of Presbyteries to bring the subject of Public Praise before their Presbyteries, as well as before the Congregations within the bounds, and to report the result of their inquiries.

Six Presbyteries have made the following returns:—

Birmingham.—Rev. George Bennett reports that he sent a circular to fifteen Congregations, with eight questions upon it, and that eight returns were made, from which the following information might be gathered:—

Generally speaking, Congregations are becoming better acquainted with the Hymnal. Choirs are gaining in proficiency, and the weekly practices are being better attended. The 'Metrical Psalter' is used exclusively only in two Congregations, the 'Bible Psalter' in one, and the other Congregations use both. The chanting of the Canticles and Bible Psalter is being introduced gradually, and with good results. Anthems are sung in one or two Congregations, but not often in the others. In most of the Churches a children's hymn is sung at morning or evening service.

Amongst other suggestions accompanying the reports these may be named:—

- (a) That Congregations should be asked to attend choir practices.
- (b) That small fines should be imposed upon choir members for absenteeism.
- (c) That members of choirs should be members of the Church and be recognised by the office-bearers as fellow-helpers in its spiritual well-being.

Bristol.—Rev. Wm. E. Shaw reports that all the Congregations of the Presbytery have choirs, a weekly practice, and instrumental music. In four the organist is also choirmaster, and in five there is a choirmaster in addition to the organist. Eight Congregations use 'Church Praise,' and one uses the 'United Presbyterian Hymnal.'

Some think the Psalter too difficult, badly pointed, and not well fitted for Congregational singing; only one uses it. A children's hymn is sung by all the churches, and all sing occasionally the Te Deum and anthems.

Carlisle.—Rev. James Christie reports that every Congregation has a choir numbering from ten to thirty members, and that ten of these out of

thirteen have weekly practices. Two are without either organ or harmonium. 'Church Praise' has been introduced into every Congregation. In two Churches anthems are sung regularly, and in one occasionally. Ten Congregations use a hymn for the children, and eight use 'School Praise.'

Darlington.—Rev. H. P. Slade reports that eighteen out of nineteen Churches have choirs, numbering from four to forty members; that fourteen have voluntaries either before or after service, or during offertory; that ten have classes for the teaching of either Tonic Sol-fa or Old Notation, and that seventeen use 'School Praise.'

Newcastle.—Rev. J. B. Hastings reports that there are forty-four Congregations in this Presbytery. Returns have been obtained from the whole of these, which furnish the following particulars:—That in all the Congregations, without exception, musical instruments are used, ten being provided with organs, eleven with American organs, and twenty-three with harmoniums; that in all but one there are choirs, numbering from ten to sixty voices each, averaging over the whole Presbytery twenty-five members; that these meet weekly for practice, with five exceptions, these last meeting only occasionally; that there are eight classes for musical instruction other than the choir, having an average attendance of forty-two in each; that twenty-eight Congregations use 'Church Praise,' twelve the 'Presbyterian Hymnal,' two 'Psalms and Hymns,' and two are gradually introducing 'Church Praise,' using it meanwhile along with their former hymn-book; that only three Congregations use the 'Bible Psalter,' and these very sparingly, no other attempt being made in the Presbytery to chant the Psalms in any of the prose versions; that twenty-three use anthems more or less frequently; that forty use 'Children's Hymns,' at the regular services, many of these in connection with a children's portion at the morning worship, and that in the schools connected with twenty-three of the Congregations 'School Praise' has been introduced.

Many valuable suggestions from ministers and organists have been received by the Committee, recommending unions of choirs in Presbyterian centres, Services of Song, Congregational Practices, &c., on some of which the Presbytery will shortly have an opportunity of expressing an opinion.

London.—Rev. John Mauchlen reports as follows:

I.

1. Fifty-five Congregations returned answers to my queries.
2. Every one of them has a choir, and the average membership is about 20.
3. A weekly choir practice is held in all the 55 Congregations, 42 of them being conducted by paid organists or choirmasters, and 13 by gentlemen or ladies who give their services voluntarily. The offices of organist and choirmaster are as a rule combined.
4. The choirs as a rule are entirely voluntary, but in 14 cases it has been found necessary to pay a few leading voices, or to remunerate boys to ensure their regular attendance, and many other Congregations would do the same if they had funds at their disposal.
5. The case for and against boys' voices is about equally divided. Twenty-six choirs use their services—some with moderate success, others with striking results. Where boys do not practise with the choir there are in most cases separate classes for instructing children in the rudiments of music, or in the hymns for the Sunday services.

II.

With regard to ' Church Praise ' itself, and the extent to which it is used, I find that—

1. The edition most extensively used is that with the selected metrical Psalms.

2. Only 18 Congregations use the ' Bible Psalter.'

3. Thirty-one Congregations use anthems regularly, 9 occasionally, and 15 never.

4. Forty-two Congregations sing a children's hymn at the morning service, 9 on special occasions, and only 4 not at all.

5. In answer to the question ' Do you find that " Church Praise " as a whole fully suits your requirements?' I received a mass of criticism and useful information which I think should be known, especially as it throws light on the small use that is made of ' Bible Psalter ' and ' Church Praise ' Anthems.

(Here the Committee decided to abridge a considerable portion of Mr. Mauchlen's report, and to comprise it in the following words: ' Objections are made to two parts of " Church Praise," viz. the Prose Psalter and Anthems, and particularly with reference to the pointings, difficulty of the music, and the inadequacy of the number of Anthems for special occasions.')

III.

1. Twenty-one Congregations have monthly or quarterly lists of hymns printed for home practice, and it is the general testimony that this method has led to better congregational singing.

2. The greatest interest in Church music prevails in all the Congregations. There are choral societies giving yearly or monthly concerts, Church festivals, sol-fa classes, elementary and certificated; and some ministers find it advantageous to ask their people to suggest favourite hymns for the month.

3. As 12 choirs in the north of London have formed themselves into an association for improving ' Public Praise ' and promoting sympathy, and for internal co-operation among the various choirs, I concluded my queries by asking if there would be a willingness to join a similar association of neighbouring choirs. Thirty express willingness, 12 are already associated in North London, others are too far apart. I hope to get the co-operation of the Presbytery in establishing three or four of these associations in London.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

JOHN W. RODGER,

Pro Convener.

XV.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

YOUR Committee have to report that the periodicals entrusted to them have been issued regularly during the year.

The Synod having instructed the Treasurership Committee to advance £500 to the Executive Committee to liquidate their bookselling business, your Committee have to report that they received this sum, that they have paid the deficiency in last year's balance-sheet, amounting to £335 11s. 2½*d.*, and, subject to the approval of Synod, £109 4s. 8½*d.*, being the amount of loss on the 'Messenger' from January 1 till April 30, 1887, which was not provided for by the Synod; and also the sum of £12 15s. 4*d.*, which the Treasurership Committee claimed as interest on the sum advanced till the end of the year 1887; and that there remains in the hands of the Committee, of the sum advanced, a balance of £42 8s. 9*d.*

During the year your Committee have been making every effort to get rid of the stock of books in their possession, and have, of course, purchased no additions. So far as the stock has been sold, good prices have been realised; and as the premises occupied by the Committee remain, according to the agreement, in their hands till next Midsummer Day, it has not been thought advisable to force a sale at a loss. The Committee have, however, resolved to offer the stock at greatly reduced prices, in order to clear it off as speedily as possible.

Your Committee have exercised great care and economy during the year, and with the willing help of the official staff they have been able to reduce considerably the expenses. The result is, that though these reductions and economies have prevailed for only a portion of the year, the Profit and Loss Account shows that the profits have somewhat exceeded the expenses.

The monthly issue of the 'Presbyterian Messenger' has increased during the year by 1,000, and the weekly issue is tending slowly upwards. Your Committee realise that this 'Weekly Messenger' is a heavy burden financially, not only from the actual loss which it entails, but from the large amount of scarcely remunerative labour it throws on the Committee. On the other hand, your Committee are more than ever impressed with the immense importance of maintaining a weekly organ, and with the valuable services which the 'Messenger' has rendered to the Church in several directions during the past year, in addition to spreading information about the work of the Church at home and abroad, and to the benefit the various schemes of the Church derive through their use of its pages. The loss this year, though still considerable, has been greatly lessened. In 1886, the actual loss was at the rate

of £420 a year. During the past year it was not more than £327. The proportion of that loss from May 1, 1887, has been paid by the special committee appointed by last Synod to raise funds for this purpose.

The circulation of the 'Children's Messenger' continues the same, though the gross profit during the past was somewhat more than the previous year, amounting to £142 2s. 9½d.

'Our Sisters in Other Lands,' published for the Women's Missionary Society, has risen to a circulation of 5,100.

The recent edition of the 'Book of Order' continues to sell. At the close of the year 150 copies still remained in stock.

The New Year's address for the children, by the Rev. Dr. Symington, was issued on behalf of the Committee for the Higher Instruction of Youth, an edition of 5,000 having been published, which has been nearly sold.

The circulation of the 'Westminster Teacher' and the other helps for Sabbath School work obtained from the Presbyterian Board of Publications, of America, continues to increase.

The success which has attended the Committee's efforts with these publications induced the American Board to appoint your Committee as their agents for the United Kingdom, and to forward, on sale or return, and without the Committee incurring any pecuniary responsibility, a fair representation of the important works which they publish. The terms on which the publications are supplied are most favourable to your Committee, and most generous on the part of the great publishing Board of the American Church. Mr. Black, the Secretary of the Board, thus explains the meaning of their action :

'The object in making such an arrangement was, of course, partly to gain circulation for our issues. But I feel perfectly free to say that it would not have been made so readily but for the Church character and relationship of your Committee, and from the feeling that we might possibly thus aid a sister organisation, or at least show them our good feeling.'

Your Committee fully appreciate the fraternal overtures and liberal proposals of the Board in Philadelphia, which is doing so much for the higher literature not only of the American Presbyterian Church, but of the United States, and they believe that in introducing their works to this country they are performing a service to our own Church which will be more fully realised when it is better known.

Your Committee, in the face of the fact that the work has been carried on during the year without loss; that the full reductions and economies in carrying on the work prevailed for the later portion of the year only; that there remains a considerable portion of the stock of general books to be got rid of; and that accommodation nearly as extensive as the present premises will be required to carry on the more limited work committed to them by the Synod, unanimously recommend that they be instructed to carry on the work on the same lines for another year.

Submitted, on behalf of the Publications Committee, by
T. W. THACKER,
Convenor.

[For Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' at p. 149.]

XVI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND
HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE Committee deeply regret that their Report, on this occasion, is not drawn up, as hitherto it has been, by the hand of their learned and honoured Convener, Dr. Leone Levi. Since near the end of December last Dr. Levi has been laid aside by a serious illness, which has entirely unfitted him for his professional engagements and for the various services which it has been his great pleasure to render to the Church. The Committee are persuaded that their own heartfelt sympathy with their Convener in his prolonged suffering and trial is shared by all the members of the Synod, and that it is the earnest prayer of the whole Church that the hand of the Lord may graciously uphold and comfort His afflicted servant, and that it may please Him mercifully to restore him to health and further usefulness.

The Committee have continued in correspondence with the Synod's Committee on the Church's Relation to the Confession of Faith upon the bearing of doctrinal clauses in Trust Deeds on the tenure of Church property. They are hopeful that the information gathered on that point may soon be presented in a form which may hereafter be referred to with advantage to the Church.

The Committee have deemed it expedient to take steps to ascertain how far property is held in other Churches in this country under doctrinal conditions set forth in Trust Deeds.

They have also resolved to bring under the notice of the Presbyteries of the Church the necessity for the immediate adoption of means to secure the due observance of the conditions of the Deeds of Churches and of other Church property within their bounds respecting the appointment of new Trustees, as occasion arises, in the case of death or otherwise. The Committee attach great importance to this, especially in cases in which the number of Trustees is small and the property lies in remote districts. They believe that the early action of Presbyteries in this matter is called for, and that, if taken, it would be followed by satisfactory results.

The only Presbyteries which have responded to the recent application of the Committee for suggestions bearing on the revision of the Book of

Order are those of Manchester, London, and Birmingham—Manchester and London through Committees. Suggestions have also been received from a few individuals. All these have been considered by a sub-Committee and reported on. The Committee acknowledge the importance and value of many of the suggestions made respecting the phraseology and arrangement of the Book of Order, and consider that, in many cases, their adoption would add to the clearness and accuracy of the book. Meanwhile they must be held over until ampler materials for making the work of revision thorough and satisfactory are placed in the hands of the Committee. The Committee have resolved to renew their application for suggestions on revision to the Presbyteries.

In this connection, the Committee think it advisable to state that, in their judgment, the task of revising the Book of Order does not legitimately include proposals to abandon the Form of Process by Libel in favour of another process, or proposals to change the order of procedure under the present Law of Libel; and that all such proposals as amount to the substitution of one law of the Church for another, or to radical changes in any existing law of the Church, should be made by Overture to the Synod and dealt with in the usual constitutional manner by the Courts of the Church.

The Committee, adopting a suggestion from the Presbytery of London, respectfully represent to the Synod the desirableness of referring to the Committee the consideration of (1) greater uniformity in the constitution of Congregations in its bearing upon Deacons' Courts and Boards of Managers, and (2) the constitution and procedure of Commissions of Synod and Presbytery as distinct from Committees.

The Committee have the satisfaction of reporting that the work on the History of Presbyterianism in England, upon which the Rev. Alexander H. Drysdale of Morpeth has been for some time engaged, is now nearly complete. Large portions of the manuscript have been read by several members of the Committee, who have reported on them in the most favourable terms. It is anticipated that the whole work will be brought within the compass of one volume, as originally designed, the size of those in Messrs. T. & T. Clark's series, such as 'Brigg's American Presbyterianism.' Its publication, which will take place as soon as possible after the rising of the Synod, will be looked forward to with much interest, and, while reflecting honour on its reverend author, will prove a valuable contribution to historical truth of deep interest to all branches of the Presbyterian Church.

It is gratifying to report that the whole of the honorarium of £100, which the Synod voted to Mr. Drysdale in acknowledgment of this important work, has been received and handed over to him.

Pursuant to instruction of the Synod, the Committee have been in communication with the Synod's Treasurership Committee on the nomination of a legal adviser of the Church. The name of Mr. A. F. Douglas, B.A., LL.B. Cantab., solicitor, London, was brought before both Committees as suitable for the appointment. Mr. Douglas, who is a son of one of the senior ministers of this Church, was educated at Christ's College, Christchurch, New Zealand (Government Scholar), and St. John's College, Cambridge, where he studied law, was first in the

first class in that subject, Law Prizeman and Exhibitioner. He subsequently graduated in honours in Arts and Law.

The Committee have received very satisfactory evidence from competent judges of Mr. Douglas's legal knowledge and business ability as a practising solicitor in the city of London. Amongst others who have had experience of his capacity in connection with legal questions affecting the Church's interests is the Rev. John Black, who says, 'He is one of the clearest-headed and most competent men I have come into contact with.' The Committee, therefore, in conjunction with the Treasurership Committee, respectfully submit the name of Mr. Douglas to the Synod, and warmly recommend his appointment to the office of legal adviser of the Church, on the following terms and conditions, namely:

1. That the appointment be during the pleasure of the Synod.
2. That the Retaining Fee be Twenty Guineas *per annum*, to cover such advice as may be needed by the General Secretary from time to time.
3. That Congregations requiring advice or other work make their own arrangements in regard to suitable remuneration.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,

Pro Convener.

LETTER SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888, FROM DR. LEONE LEVI.

*To the Venerable the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church
of England.*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—After twenty-five years acting as Convener of the Law and Historical Documents Committee (originally on Presbyterian property held by Unitarians), and twenty-two years as Convener of the Statistical Committee, I am constrained, by the restraints of Providence, to lay both Convenerships at the hands of the Synod.

Of the changes which have taken place in the membership of the Synod since the appointment of the first of these Committees in 1863 an illustration may be given in the fact that only two of the original twelve members are now alive—namely, Sir Charles Lewis, Bart., M.P., and myself; Dr. Munro, Dr. McCrie, Dr. Hamilton, and Mr. Gillespie having gone to their rest. In resigning these Convenerships I trust the Synod will permit me to point out the solid character of the labours they have performed.

1. AS TO DR. WILLIAMS' LIBRARY.

The first communication which I had the honour of making to the Synod regarded Dr. Williams' Library and Charities, on which I had special information. All the papers on this subject I have deposited at the College.

2. AS TO THE BOOK OF ORDER.

When my Committee was first appointed, the Church had only for its guidance a very meagre Directory of the practice and forms of procedure in Presbyteries, and it became evident that there existed a clear necessity for a complete Directory for all the Courts of the Church. This duty the Synod entrusted to my Committee, and from that time until 1876 we laboured in preparing year by year drafts of the several chapters which were laid before the Synod, and by it submitted to Presbyteries for revision. Scarcely had these labours been completed when the Union of the Churches took place, and the United Church submitted to the new Committee, of which I continued to be Convener, the entire recasting of the Work. In this fresh labour I had the privilege of obtaining the most valuable help of Dr. Edmond and Mr. Ballantyne, to whom my hearty thanks are due. The Book of Order is now before the Church, and whatever defects or deficiencies may be found in it, or whatever amendment it may require from time to time as experience may point out, I trust that it will, for years to come, be acknowledged by the Church as a most useful guide in all the proceedings of its Courts.

3. AS TO DIGEST OF SYNOD'S PROCEEDINGS.

As pertaining to the constitutional organisation of the Church, it is surely of the greatest importance that the proceedings of the Synod from year to year should be readily accessible to its Members. It was found, however, that up to 1866 the laws and decisions of the Synod and its Committees upon a vast variety of subjects could only be found by reference to the Annual Reports; of the earlier numbers of these, very few copies were in existence. The task of collecting and classifying these decisions from the Reports seemed to me very necessary to be undertaken, and I had the great privilege of laying this Digest before the Synod—first, for the period from the formation of the Presbyterian Church in England in 1836 to the year 1866, and afterwards in a complete form to 1876, the year of the Union. This work, I need not say, was a personal labour in which the Committee could not render any assistance, but it was a labour of love, and I am glad to think, now that the old Church is merged into the new, that we have a complete record of its proceedings from beginning to end.

4. AS TO THE MODEL TRUST DEED AND OTHER LEGAL DUTIES.

Coming now to the more strictly legal functions of our Committee, its most important work was the preparation of a Model Trust Deed, a task of great difficulty and responsibility. Upon the formation of the Union, our Committee, in conjunction with the Treasurership Committee, were entrusted with the preparation of a new Model Trust Deed. I scarcely need say that the Convener'ship of the Joint Committee on such a subject laid upon me a most responsible duty and heavy task.

Once again, as Convener of the Union Committee, you will remember that I felt it my duty to call attention to certain legal flaws in the proposed Basis of Union, as not being in harmony with our constitution. The validity of these objections was confirmed by the opinion of eminent

counsel, and at the last moment the necessary changes had to be made. I allude to these matters now, not in the spirit of self-laudation, but as indicating to the Synod the importance of having as Convener of this Committee one of legal training. I do not profess to be either a property or an ecclesiastical lawyer, yet during the last twenty-five years very many of our Congregations have sought my opinion on points of great difficulty, on which in my position I felt called upon to advise.

5. AS TO HISTORICAL WORK.

From the first appointment of the Committee, the importance of investigating the pedigrees of our older Congregations and the vicissitudes of our Church became apparent, and consequently I sought for and obtained very valuable historical details concerning these Congregations, contributed by their Ministers. More recently, our friend Mr. Black has with great ability gone more deeply into this question. Such fragments of information as I have gathered upon the subject I have deposited in the College. Our Committee, with the sanction of the Synod, have seen it expedient to obtain an essay on the history of our Church in England as a whole, and have entrusted the work to Mr. Drysdale, in whom I have great confidence, and, from the portions of his work already accomplished which I have seen, I feel assured that the work when finished will be found exhaustive, trustworthy, and conscientious, and prove of great use to the Church.

6. AS TO STATISTICS.

When, in 1866, I accepted the Convenership of the Statistical Committee, the Church had become quite wearied of the many abortive efforts made to obtain the necessary returns of the particulars required from each Congregation. I am happy to say that I have been more successful in my applications, and it has afforded me great pleasure to lay before the Synod ever since yearly the most complete tables published by any Church. For the ten years before the Union the tables were prepared entirely by myself, but since the Union and the establishment of the Church Offices, Mr. Black has undertaken the preparation of the tables, and my duty has been simply to report upon the facts there exhibited. Statistics to be of any value must be independently and conscientiously prepared; and whether the results be favourable or otherwise, they ought to be clearly indicated. It is a great service to the Church when want of success in any part of its policy, in matters of Finance, Missions, Colleges, &c., is clearly pointed out in the Report.

Pardon, I pray you, the length of this communication. It only remains for me now to ask you to tender to the Synod my most hearty thanks for the unabated confidence so kindly reposed in me; and praying that the blessing of God may attend your deliberations for the furtherance of Christ's work on earth,

I have the honour to be, Rev. and dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

LEONE LEVI.

31 Highbury Grove, London, N.:

April 9, 1888.

XVII.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE Judicial Committee have to report that, as no Presbytery of the Church required counsel from them in any case of Libel, their services have not been called into request during the past year.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

W. McCaw,
Convener.

XVIII.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NOMINATION, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE Board of Nomination have to report that they met on November 23, 1887; that there was a large and representative attendance of members; and that with entire cordiality they nominated the Rev. J. Oswald Dykes, D.D., Minister of Regent Square Church, London, as the Moderator of the next meeting of Synod.

W. McCaw,
Clerk.

XIX.

REPORT OF TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE following statement will show the position of the various Funds of the Church, severally and unitedly, at the close of 1887 :

Balance at 31st December, 1887.

	£	s.	d.	DR. £	s.	d.	CR. £	s.	d.
Sustentation Fund Reserve ...	2,500	0	0						
„ „ (current ^a / _c)	129	5	4				2,629	5	4
Aged and Infirm Ministers' ...							73	3	3
Widows and Orphans' ...							222	18	1
Foreign Missions ...	155	4	9						
Women's Association ...	752	16	1						
							908	0	10
Home Mission—									
North-Eastern Board ...	199	4	11						
North-Western and Midland ...	369	5	4						
Southern Board ...	0	1	11						
	568	12	2						
Reserve Fund ...	1,000	0	0				1,568	12	2
Church Building Fund—									
North-Eastern Board ...	578	14	4						
North-Western and Midland ...	562	17	1						
Southern Board ...	279	6	3						
							1,420	17	8
Jewish Mission ...							247	2	1
Continental Churches ...							268	6	0
College ...				1,318	7	7			
Scholarships ...							181	12	4
College Trust Capital ...							178	13	4
Interest on Barbour Legacy ...							266	11	2
Instruction of Youth ...							104	9	6
Synod Fund ...							109	9	8
Union Thanksgiving Fund ...							50	0	0
Profit on 'Church Praise' ...							3,675	18	7
Expenses of 'School Praise' ...				200	17	9			
				1,519	5	4	11,905	0	0

	£	s.	d.	Dr.			Cr.		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...				1,519	5	4	11,905	0	0
Bankers' Balances—									
Fuller & Co. General Account	1,256	9	4						
Sustentation Fund ...	629	5	4						
Deposits—									
Fuller & Co.									
General Account £4,000									
Sustentation Fund 2,000									
	6,000	0							
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	1,000	0	0						
Chartered Bank of India ...	1,000	0	0						
Advanced to Publications Committee ...	500	0	0						
	8,500	0	0						
				10,385	14	8			
				£11,905	0	0	£11,905	0	0

It will be seen that every ordinary account has closed with a credit balance except the College Fund, but as this is likely to receive full consideration in connection with the Report of the Committee concerned, the matter does not seem to require further consideration here.

The following statement, which has already been laid before the Presbyteries of the Church, shows the givings of Congregations, as such, to the various Funds over a period of five years, in contradistinction from those of individual donors contributing directly :

Congregational Contributions to Synodical Schemes.

FROM WHOLE CHURCH.															
—	1887			1886			1885			1884			1883		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sustentation Fund (Aid) .	5,285	19	8	5,293	14	11	5,479	18	6	5,586	18	8	5,818	6	5
Foreign Mission	7,947	9	3	7,755	19	10	7,547	16	8	8,584	1	4	8,265	18	0
Home Mission .	1,576	6	0	1,553	10	3	1,596	5	10	1,520	13	6	1,585	12	4
Jewish Mission.	768	18	5	844	10	6	757	6	4	839	2	9	854	8	10
Continental Churches . .	427	0	11	427	8	11	380	6	1	438	7	8	415	18	9
College . . .	770	0	6	774	9	0	808	6	4	947	8	1	942	5	8
Instruction of Youth . . .	296	2	2	293	12	7	280	3	10	235	7	11	257	16	9
	17,071	16	11	16,943	6	0	16,850	3	7	18,151	19	11	18,140	6	9

If we add to the £17,071 16s. 11d. thus contributed to the Funds by Congregations £20,144 11s. 10d. which has accrued from other sources, as shown in the summary of the Financial Statistics of the

Church, it will be seen that the total amount placed at the disposal of the Synod in 1887 was £37,216 8s. 9d.

It will be seen that the congregational contributions, which furnish the true gauge of the Church's resources, are hardly above those of the previous, and upwards of £1,000 less than in 1883 and 1884. Compared with 1882 they would be found nearly £2,000 less. Even in the Sustentation Fund, essential as that is to the stability of the Church, and notwithstanding the urgent appeals of the responsible Committee, the little change that appears is unfortunately downward, not upward, the aid furnished being still upwards of £700 less than in 1882. There is also a slight fall in the number of collections, which is only 988 against 1,008 in the previous year. The falling off is unfortunately in the better-to-do Congregations, some of the poorest Congregations being models of loyalty to the Church in taking collections, such as they can, for every Fund. There is reason to believe, however, that the Church is gradually recovering from the depression of recent years. If so, it may be hoped that all the Funds will, in time, feel the benefit.

The amount accruing to the Church this year from the sale of the Hymn Books is—

	£	s.	d.
For ' Church Praise '	725	19	4
„ ' School Praise '	43	6	10
Total	£769	6	2

The total proceeds have been—

	£	s.	d.
For ' Church Praise '	3,531	0	1
Less debit balance against ' School Praise '	200	17	9
Net total	£3,330	2	4

To this amount there falls to be added £152 5s. 6d. for interest, against £7 7s. allowed towards the cost of the first audit, the exact sum standing to the credit of the account at the end of 1887 being £3,475 0s. 10d. It has been determined, however, that this Fund contribute £5 5s. per annum towards the ordinary audit fee, and it is by accident that this charge was not made in the last two years.

Your Committee are sorry to notice that the charge for travelling expenses to Committees is again beginning to creep up. This is due to so many cases of gentlemen appointed to sit on a single Committee, certainly a most serious arrangement from the financial point of view. This is a matter that should surely receive the careful attention of the Selection Committee.

The heavy charge on the Synod Fund, ordered by last Synod, on account of loss on the ' Presbyterian Messenger,' has reduced the credit balance on that Fund to a much lower figure than when your Committee recommended a continuance of the assessment for this year at 14s. 6d. It is barely possible, if the Fund is carefully guarded from further extraordinary burdens, that this year's assessment may prove sufficient for its requirements, and as your Committee are aware of the serious strain on

the resources of Congregations any increase in the rate would involve, they recommend that the assessment for next year be again appointed at 14s. 6d. per cent. on the membership and ordinary revenue of the Church, as shown in the Statistical Tables. They would, however, warn the Synod that it can only be kept at that figure by the avoidance of measures involving any increase of the already heavy responsibilities of this Fund.

Your Committee have concurred with the Law and Historical Committee in the nomination of a gentleman as legal adviser to this Church, in regard to whose entire fitness for the position they have been able thoroughly to assure themselves. On that matter, however, they leave the other Committee to report in detail.

Submitted, on behalf of the Treasurership Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN,

Convener.

[For Synod Fund Financial Statement, see under 'Accounts of the Church,' p. 913 ; for Office Charges, p. 915 ; Summary of Receipts for Synodical Funds, p. 916.]

XX^dREPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

Your Committee have to recommend that the arrangement of Collections made at last Synod be continued during the ensuing Synodical year, and that the appointments be therefore as follows, viz. :

For Foreign Missions on the third Sabbath of May, 1888.

„ Continental Work	„	„	July, „
„ Instruction of Youth	„	„	Oct. „
„ The College	„	„	Nov. „
„ The Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan. 1889.
„ The Home Mission	„	„	Mar. „

Last Synod remitted to this Committee the question of arrangements fitted to secure a more satisfactory attendance of members on Committees appointed to do work during the sittings of the Synod. They recommend the adoption of the following suggestions in the matter, viz. :

1. That immediately on the appointment of any Committee by the Synod, a notice shall be issued to every member of such Committee by post, apprising him of his appointment to sit on the same.

2. That announcements of meetings of such Committees shall be made in Court on the evening of the preceding day at a definite hour, say 7 P.M.

3. That intimations of all meetings shall be posted up in the porch, immediately after their announcement in Court.

4. That the above regulations shall be embodied in a standing order to be placed immediately after the fifth standing order, as at present arranged.

A previous remit had lain over from the preceding year in regard to ‘the method of taking the vote.’ Your Committee, finding that it had been made an express understanding on the floor of the Synod that that remit should be regarded as including consideration of the best method of putting what is commonly called ‘the previous question,’ had this point also specially under consideration. They beg now to report as follows :

1. That they see no cause to recommend any change in the present method of taking the vote.

2. That they recommend the adoption of the principle that it shall be competent to any member of a Church Court to move, in connection with any question that may be brought before it, that *the question be not put*; and that after the mover of such a resolution shall have explained the grounds on which he moves it, such resolution shall be voted upon at once without further debate, and in the event of its being carried, the business shall immediately take end.

3. That in the event of the Synod adopting this principle, they suggest the following modification in the Standing Order of Synod referring to Motions, Votes and Decisions, so as to give effect to it, viz. : that after the words 'substantive motion' at the sixteenth line of said standing order, the words be interposed, 'provided always that—5. In the course of any discussion a member may move a resolution to the effect that *the question under consideration shall not be put*; in which case, so soon as the mover of such resolution shall have explained the reasons on account of which he proposes it, the vote upon it shall be forthwith taken, such resolution taking precedence of every other motion before the House, and should it be carried the business shall immediately take end.'

4. They further suggest that the Law and Historical Documents Committee be instructed to make a similar modification in the Rules in the Book of Order regulating the conduct of debate.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

GEORGE DUNCAN,

Convener.

XXI.

REPORT OF SABBATH OBSERVANCE
COMMITTEE,
SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

It will not be expected that a Committee so recently called into existence can have much to report, or have accomplished much more than consideration of plans for the future. Our correspondence, which has extended to sister Churches in Scotland, Ireland, Canada, United States, and Australia, has forced on us the conviction that such a Committee is needed, and that a very large field of usefulness lies before it.

We have had in view that our first and chief business is to keep up the standard of Sabbath observance within our own borders, being well assured that the prosperity and spiritual power of our Congregations will be found to depend largely upon their views and practice in this matter. Where the Lord's Day is lightly esteemed, there need be no surprise if there be 'half-day hearings,' and if the occupations of the latter part of the day dispel impressions which the services of the earlier portion may have produced.

In order to ascertain the 'mind of the Church,' your Committee addressed a circular to all our Ministers and Sessions asking for information as to the state of Sabbath observance in their respective localities, and inviting suggestions with regard to it. The response to this circular is gratifying both in its extent and its earnestness, affording abundant proof that the subject of Sabbath observance had been much in the thoughts of our Ministers and office-bearers.

In all the communications that reached us prominence is given to the serious hindrance to the right observance of the day caused by the public-houses being open; and we are glad to notice with regard to this that one of our Ministers led in a movement which resulted in the closing of three out of the six public-houses in his neighbourhood, and putting the remaining three on a six days' licence. Our correspondence has also revealed the fact that in many of our Churches there is a tendency amongst our members to be satisfied with 'half-day services,' and a growing laxity with regard to the sanctity of the day. Testimony is also borne to the many signs of indifference in the general community to the true character of the day, while from one populous district comes the report that the people openly manifest aversion to it.

Many and various suggestions are offered by our Ministers and office bearers, which will be of great value in relation to future action. Expression has also been given to an impression which is doubtless exercising many hearts—that concerning the whole question we need a genuine spiritual revival that will yield the fruit of fuller testimony in the faithful keeping of the Lord's Day.

By the generous interest of J. T. Morton, Esq., of London, a large sum of money is placed at the disposal of this Committee, which they propose to distribute in prizes for essays on 'The Obligations and Advantages of the Lord's Day,' and 'Personal and Family Benefits of Conscientious Lord's Day Keeping.' It is our desire that the details of this scheme should be carried out by the 'Instruction of Youth' Committee, in the expectation that the conditions of the competition will be such that prizes may be taken in every Congregation of the Church. We would thus hope to train the coming generation intelligently to appreciate and reverently to love the Lord's Day.

We are also in communication with the College Committee, for the purpose of offering through them one or more prizes for essays on the subject by our students.

We are further indebted to Mr. Morton for defraying the cost of the tracts which have been distributed, as well as all other expenses incurred by the Committee during the year.

Such is our brief report of work, which, though preliminary in its character, is, we believe, fraught with promise of high and important results in the future. A due sense of our place and responsibilities among other Churches, regard for the prosperity and progress of the Church, and loyalty to the Lord of the Sabbath, will, we trust, constrain the Synod to give effect to the suggestion we now make, that the Sabbath Observance Committee be now placed among the standing Committees of the Church.

Submitted, on behalf of the Sabbath Observance Committee, by

ROBERT WALES,

Convener.

XXII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
CHURCH'S RELATION TO THE WESTMIN-
STER CONFESSION OF FAITH,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE Synod of 1887 instructed the Committee to proceed with the preparation of the 'Compendium of Doctrine,' a work which had been already in progress during the two previous years. The Committee were also instructed to advise the Synod of 1888 as to the manner in which the Church ought now to deal with the Declaratory Statement, 'cordially approved' by the Synod of 1886, by all the Presbyteries, and by most of the Sessions from which returns had been received. Further, the Committee were enjoined, in conjunction with the Committee on Law and Historical Documents, to complete the inquiries both Committees had at different times been making as to the character of the trusts under which property is held by our Congregations.

I. *Trust Deeds*.—A Joint Committee has been appointed by this Committee and by the Law and Historical Documents Committee. That Sub-Committee is now taking steps to obtain returns from Congregations regarding all points of general interest in their Trust Deeds, the doctrinal clauses, the manner in which the property is either placed at the disposal of the individual Congregation or is put under the control of the Synod, the regulations for the appointment of new trustees, and so forth. They are also collecting information as to the kinds of Trust Deeds chiefly in use amongst the Churches of other denominations. The inquiry is of great practical importance, but will necessarily require time for its successful prosecution. As soon as possible a full Report will be submitted.

II. *The Declaratory Statement* (Appendix A).—Several Sessions having urged considerable changes in the Declaratory Statement, and the eminent Counsel who were consulted a year ago having indicated legal difficulties which, in their judgement, would arise under some of the Trust Deeds in use in the Church, if the Statement were adopted in its present form, the question naturally presented itself, whether it is desirable to press the Church to an immediate adoption of the Statement, either as it stands or after amendment.

After a careful discussion, it was unanimously resolved to submit the following recommendation to the Synod :

The Committee having considered the opinion expressed by Counsel as to the legal risks to the Church's tenure of property which might be incurred by imposing the Declaratory Statement in its present form as a term of office, and also, having regard to the approaching completion of their labours on the relations of the Church to its Confession, recommend the Synod to await the final Report of the Committee before dealing with the suggestions of Sessions and the Opinion of Counsel, or deciding upon any action in this matter ; and, meanwhile, to reaffirm the approval by previous Synods of the Declaratory Statement.

At their meeting in March the Committee decided that, in view of the completed Compendium now to be submitted to the Synod, it is not necessary to ask for a re-approval of the Declaratory Statement.

III. *The Compendium of Doctrine*.—With a great sense of responsibility, and yet with humble thankfulness, the Committee now present to the Synod the completed Compendium of Fundamental Doctrine, or 'Articles of the Faith,' as they suggest that it should henceforth be called (see Appendix B). During three years this has been their chief labour, anxious and delicate, but full of interest. Much time and thought have been devoted to it, first by the Drafting Sub-Committee, and then by the General Committee. From first to last the work has been carried on without a jar. Differences of opinion have of course often appeared, but never as to the substance of the truth. The discussions have been invariably carried on, and decisions arrived at, in a spirit of mutual affection and confidence, which the Committee look back upon with devout gratitude to Almighty God. They submit the fruit of so much earnest labour and prayer to the judgement of the Church, hopeful that this statement of the things most surely believed among us will approve itself to fathers and brethren, and serve the important ends in view of which such a restatement of the Reformed 'System of Doctrine' seemed to be required.

The Committee do not advise any hurried adoption of the Articles. They do not even ask at present for such an approval of them as previous Synods have given to the Declaratory Statement. It may be enough if during the coming year an opportunity is afforded to Presbyteries to examine them, and to make any suggestions they see fit, whether as to the Articles themselves, or as to the manner in which the document may be of service to the Church. The Synod of 1889 might then be in a position to decide on future action, with a clear knowledge of the mind of the Church as to the value of the Articles and their fitness for use.

They have prepared an edition of the Articles with illustrative citations from our own and other Evangelical Confessions. It will be more convenient, perhaps, if this is in the first place printed separately and circulated along with the Blue Book. It may afterwards find a place in the permanent Blue Book. The parallel passages from the Westminster Standards, and from creeds in doctrinal affinity with the Confession of Faith, are not cited as authorities. They are appended in the belief that it will be found both interesting and satisfactory to

note how largely it has been found possible, in framing these new Articles, to employ definitions of doctrine contained in the symbols of the Reformed Churches, or closely resembling those which have already received ecclesiastical sanction.

IV. *Appendix to the Articles of the Faith.*—The Committee reported to the Synod of 1885 that in their opinion it would be useful to add to the Compendium of Doctrine an Appendix or Secondary Statement, dealing with questions of Church polity, worship, and the like, under such headings as these :

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| 1. Presbyterian Polity. | 6. Relations to other Churches. |
| 2. Terms of Communion. | 7. Marriage Laws. |
| 3. Church Discipline. | 8. Relation of Church and State. |
| 4. Public Worship. | 9. Authority of Civil Magistrates. |
| 5. Sanctity of the Lord's Day. | 10. Liberty of Conscience. |

They suggested also that to this Secondary Statement there should be prefixed a brief Historical Preamble, explaining the position of the Church in England.

If it be the will of the Synod to instruct the preparation of such an Appendix to the Articles now laid on the table, it will be necessary either to reappoint the Committee, or to entrust this fresh work to another Committee. In any case it may probably be needful to continue the present Committee, both with a view to the completion of the inquiry regarding Trust Deeds, and to receive and report upon suggestions which may be made by Presbyteries, if they are asked to consider the Articles of the Faith during the ensuing year.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

APPENDIX A.

DECLARATORY STATEMENT.

WHEREAS this Church has ever acknowledged the canonical books of Holy Scripture to be her sole Supreme Standard, to which the Westminster Confession of Faith is to be regarded as subordinate ;

Whereas every endeavour to set forth in the form of a Creed the truth taught in Holy Scripture must be at the best imperfect ; and

Whereas every such Creed is liable to become less adequate to express the Church's faith, through that fuller and clearer apprehension of His revealed truth which it pleases God from time to time to grant unto His Church ;

Therefore it has seemed good and needful to this Church in Synod assembled, for the better exhibition of her belief on certain points, to declare as follows :—

1. That the Doctrine of Redemption set forth in the Westminster Confession, particularly in its reference to the election of some among mankind to eternal life, is held and taught in this Church, together with other great truths which are vital to the Gospel, such as :

- (1st) That the love of God to mankind moved Him to provide, by the gift of His Son to be a propitiation for the whole world, a way of salvation which in His Gospel is freely offered to all ;
- (2nd) That God has no pleasure in the death of any sinner, but desires that all should repent and live ; and
- (3rd) That every man who hears the Gospel is responsible for his acceptance or rejection of its free offer of eternal life.

2. That the teaching of the Confession on the subject of man's total depravity since the Fall is not to be understood as denying his responsibility both under the Law and under the Gospel, or the existence and value of the natural virtues.

3. That while the duty of proclaiming the Gospel to all men is clear and imperative, and while the proclamation of the Gospel is the ordinary means of salvation for all who are capable of being called thereby ; and while it is certain that no one is saved except through the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the working of the Holy Spirit : Yet it does not follow, nor is it required to be held, either that any who die in infancy are lost, or that God may not extend His mercy to those who are beyond the reach of the ordinary means of salvation, as it may seem good in His sight.

4. That with reference to the teaching of the Confession regarding the duty of Civil Rulers, this Church, while holding that such rulers are subject in their own province to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, does not accept anything in that document which favours, or may be regarded as favouring, intolerance or persecution.

5. That liberty of opinion is recognised in this Church on such points in the Confession as do not enter into the substance of the Faith : the Church retaining full authority to determine in any case which may arise what points fall within this description, as well as to guard against any abuse of this liberty to the injury of her unity and peace.

APPENDIX B.

ARTICLES OF THE FAITH

As held by the Presbyterian Church of England.

N.B.—*To each Article there are appended, for the sake of comparison, a number of illustrative passages from the Westminster Confession and Catechisms, and from other Creeds in doctrinal affinity with the Westminster Standards.*

I.

of God. We believe in,¹ and adore, one living and true God,² Who is spirit³ and the Father of spirits, present in every place,⁴ personal, infinite, and eternal,⁵ the almighty Author and sovereign Lord of all;⁶ most blessed,⁷ most holy, and most free;⁸ perfect in wisdom, justice, truth and love;⁹ to us most merciful and gracious:¹⁰ unto Whom only we must cleave, Whom only we must worship and obey.¹¹ To Him be glory for ever. Amen.

1 Apostles' Creed: "I believe in God."

Nicene Creed: "I believe in one God."

2 Westminster Confession, II. 1: "There is but one living and true God."

See also Shorter Catechism, 5.

Thirty-Nine Articles, 1: "There is but one living and true God."

3 West. C., II. 1: "A most pure Spirit."

Gallic Confession, I.: "One God, Who is one sole and simple essence, spiritual."

4 Larger Catechism, 7: "God is a Spirit . . . everywhere present."

5 West. C., II. 1: "Infinite in being . . . eternal."

See also Sh. Cat., 4.

First Scotch Confession, I.: "eternal, infinite."

6 West. C., II. 2: "He is the alone Fountain of all being . . . and hath most sovereign dominion over them."

Belgio Confession, VIII.: "The Father is the cause, origin, and beginning of all things."

- 7 West. C., II. 2: "God hath all . . . blessedness, in and of Himself."
 L. Cat., 7: "Infinite in . . . blessedness."
 8 West. C., II. 1: "Most holy and most free."
 9 Sh. Cat., 4: "Infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His wisdom . . . justice, goodness and truth."
 10 West. C., II. 1: "Most loving, gracious, merciful."
 11 Scotch C., I.: "To Whom only we must cleave, Whom only we must serve, Whom only we must worship."

II.

We acknowledge,¹ with the ancient Church,² the mystery of the Trinity, of the Holy Trinity as revealed in Scripture,³ and believe that in the unity of the ever blessed Godhead there are three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,⁴ of one substance,⁵ equal in power and glory.⁶

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- 1 Scotch C., I.: "We confess and acknowledge one only God . . . the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost."
 2 Nicene Creed: "I believe in one God the Father Almighty, . . . and in one Lord Jesus Christ, . . . God of God . . . very God of very God . . . and I believe in the Holy Ghost, . . . Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified."
 3 Belgic C., VIII.: "According to this truth and this Word of God, we believe in one only God, Who is one single essence, in which are three persons."
 4 West. C., II. 3: "In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, . . . God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost."
 See also L. Cat., 9, and Sh. Cat., 6.
 Thirty-Nine A., I.: "And in unity of this Godhead there be three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost."
 5 West C., II. 3: "Of one substance."
 Scotch C., I.: "One in substance."
 Thirty Nine A., I.: "Of one substance."
 Belgic C., VIII.: "Who is one single essence."
 L. Cat., 9: "The same in substance."
 See also Sh. Cat., 6.
 6 L. Cat., 9 (and Sh. Cat., 6): "Equal in power and glory."

III.

We believe that Almighty God, for His own holy and loving ends,¹ was pleased in the beginning to create the heavens and the earth,² through the Son, the Eternal Word;³ and, through progressive stages, to fashion and order this world, giving life to every creature;⁴ and to make man after His own image,⁵ that he might glorify and enjoy God,⁶ occupying and subduing the earth and having dominion over the creatures, to the praise of his Maker's name.⁷

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- 1 Apostles' Creed: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth."
 Nicene Creed: "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth."
 West. C., IV. 1: "It pleased God . . . in the beginning, to create or make of nothing, the world and all things therein, whether visible or invisible."
 See also L. Cat., 15, and Sh. Cat., 9.

- Scotch C., I. : " By Whom [God] we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, as well visible as invisible, to have been created."
- Thirty Nine Articles, I. : " God . . . the Maker. . . of all things, both visible and invisible."
- 2 West. C., IV. 1 : " For the manifestation of the glory of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness."
- L. Cat., 15 : " For Himself."
- Scotch C., I. : " To sik end as His Eternall Wisdome, Gudnes, and Justice hes appoynted them, to the manifestatioun of His awin glorie."
- 3 First Helvetic Confession, VI. : " Through the Word, that is to say, His Son."
- Second Helvetic Confession, VII. 1 : " Through His co-eternal Word."
- Belgie Confession, XII. : " By the Word, that is, by His Son."
- 4 West. C., IV. 2 : " After God had made all other creatures, He created man."
- See also L. Cat., 17.
- Belgie C., XII. : " Giving unto every creature its being, shape, form, and several offices."
- 5 West. C., IV. 2 : " He created man. . . after His own image."
- See also L. Cat., 17, and Sh. Cat., 10.
- Scotch C., II. : " We confess and acknowledge God to have created man . . . to His awin image and similitude."
- 6 L. Cat., 1 : " Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy Him for ever."
- See also Sh. Cat., 1.
- Heidelberg Catechism, 6 : " God created man that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love Him, and live with Him in eternal blessedness, to praise and glorify Him."
- 7 West. C., IV. 2 : " And had dominion over the creatures."
- See also L. Cat., 17, and Sh. Cat., 10.
- Scotch C., II. : " To whome [man] He gave . . . lordship."

IV.

Of Providence. We believe that God the Creator upholds all things by the word of His power, preserving and providing for all His creatures, according to the laws of their being;¹ and that He, through the presence and energy of His Spirit in nature and history, disposes and governs all events for His own high design;² yet is He not in any wise the author or approver of sin,³ neither are the freedom and responsibility of man taken away,⁴ nor have any bounds been set to the sovereign liberty of Him Who worketh when and where and how He pleaseth.⁵

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- 1 West. C., V. 1 : " God the great Creator of all things doth uphold . . . all creatures . . . and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence."
- See also L. Cat., 18, and Sh. Cat., 11.
- Scotch C., I. : " We believe all things in heaven and earth . . . to be retained in their being . . . by His inscrutable providence."
- Thirty-Nine A., I. : " The . . . Preserver of all things."
- First Helv. C., VI. : " By His providence He rightly, truly, and most wisely . . . preserves and nourishes all things."
- 2 West. C., V. 1 : " God . . . doth direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things . . . according to . . . the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy."
- See also L. Cat., 18, and Sh. Cat., 11.
- First Scotch C., I. : " We believe all things . . . to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence, to sik end, as His eternall wisdome, gudnes, and justice hes appoynted them."

- 3 West. C., V. 4: "The sinfulness [of sins] proceedeth only from the creature, and not from God, Who being most holy and righteous, neither is, nor can be, the author or approver of sin."
 Gallic C., VIII.: "Not that He is the author of evil, or that the guilt of it can be imputed to Him,"
- 4 West. C., III. 1: "Nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures." IX. 1: "God hath ended the will of man with that natural liberty, that is neither forced, nor by any absolute necessity of nature determined to good or evil."
 Scotch C., II.: "Man . . . to whom He gave . . . free-wil."
- 5 West. C., V. 3: "God . . . is free to work without, above, and against [means] at His pleasure."

V.

We believe and confess that our first father, Adam,¹ the representative head as well as common ancestor of mankind,² transgressed the commandment of God through temptation of the devil,³ by which transgression he fell, and all mankind in him, from his original state of innocence and communion with God;⁴ and so all men have come under just condemnation,⁵ are subject to the penalty of death,⁶ and inherit a sinful nature, degenerate in every part,⁷ estranged from God,⁸ and prone to evil:⁹ out of which condition we acknowledge that no man is able by any means to deliver himself.¹⁰

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- 1 Belgic C., XV.: "We believe that through the disobedience of Adam original sin is extended."
- 2 West. C., VI. 3: "They being the root of all mankind."
 L. Cat., 22: "The covenant being made with Adam as a public person, not for himself only, but for his posterity."
- 3 L. Cat., 21: "Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, through the temptation of Satan transgressed the commandment of God."
- 4 West. C., VI. 2: "By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God."
 L. Cat., 21: "Fell from the estate of innocency wherein they were created." 22: "All mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in that first transgression." 27: "The fall brought upon mankind the loss of communion with God." Also, Sh. Cat., 19.
 Thirty Nine A., 9: "Whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness."
- 5 West. C., VI. 3: "The guilt of this sin was imputed."
 L. Cat., 27: "The fall brought upon mankind His displeasure and curse."
 Thirty Nine A., IX.: "It [original sin] deserveth God's wrath and damnation."
- 6 Sh. Cat., 19: "All mankind by their fall . . . made liable to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever."
- 7 West. C., VI. 2: "Wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body."
 Sh. Cat., 18: "The corruption of his whole nature."
 Thirty Nine A., 9: "Original sin is the fault and corruption of the nature of every man."
- 8 Scotch C., III.: "Man and his posterity became enemies to God."
- 9 West. C., VI. 4: "Utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil."
 Thirty Nine A., 9: "Man is of his own nature inclined to evil."
 Second Helv. C., VIII. 2: "Averse from good, inclined to every evil."
- 10 West. C., IX. 3: "Man, by his fall into a state of sin, hath wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation, so as a natural man, being altogether averse from that good, and dead in sin, is not able, by his own strength to convert himself, or to prepare himself thereunto."

Thirty Nine A., 10: "The condition of man after the fall of Adam is such that he cannot turn and prepare himself by his own natural strength and good works to faith and calling upon God."

First Helv. C., VIII.: "This transgression, which is called original sin, so laid hold of the whole human race that, children of wrath and enemies of God, they can be cured by no power except the power of God through Christ."

VI.

Of Saving Grace. We believe and proclaim that God, Who is rich in mercy as well as of perfect justice,¹ was moved by His great love to man to hold forth from the first a promise of redemption,² which from age to age He confirmed and unfolded,³ and that, in the fulness of the time, He accomplished His gracious purpose by sending His Son⁴ to be the Saviour of the world :⁵ wherefore our salvation out of sin and misery is ever to be ascribed to free and sovereign grace.⁶

1 West. C., II, 1: "God Who is . . . most loving, gracious, merciful . . . and withal most just."

Canons of Dort, Fifth Head, VI.: "God Who is rich in mercy." Second Head, I.: "God is not only supremely merciful, but also supremely just."

Belgic C., XX.: "God, Who is perfectly merciful and also perfectly just."

2 Scotch C., IV.: "God . . . did seek Adam againe . . . and . . . made unto him a most joyful promise."

Belgic C., XVII.: "God was pleased to seek and comfort him (man) . . . promising that He would send His Son."

3 Scotch C., IV.: "Quhilk promise as it was repeated and made mair cleare from time to time."

4 West. C., VIII, 2: "The Son of God . . . did, when the fulness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature."

Scotch C., VI.: "When the fulness of time came God sent his Sonne."

Belgic C., XVIII.: "We confess, therefore, that God did fulfil the promise which He made to the fathers, when He sent unto the world at the time appointed by Him, His own only-begotten and eternal Son."

5 Second Helv. C., XI.: "Of Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of the world." 16: "We teach and believe that this Jesus Christ . . . is the only and eternal Deliverer of the human race, and so of the whole world." 17: "We confess and proclaim that Jesus Christ is the only Redeemer and Saviour of the world."

6 L. Cat., 30: "God . . . of His more love and mercy delivereth His elect." Scotch C., VII.: "The eternal and immutable decree of God from quhilk all our salvation springs and depends."

Heidelberg Cat., 21: "Forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation, are freely given by God, merely of grace."

Canons of Dort, First Head, V.: "Faith in Jesus Christ and salvation through Him is the free gift of God."

VII.

Of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in and confess with the whole Church the Lord Jesus Christ,¹ Who, being the eternal Son of God, became man² by taking to Himself a true body and soul,³ yet without sin,⁴ being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary;⁵ so that He is both God and Man,⁶ two whole perfect and distinct natures, the divine and the human, being inseparably joined together in one person,⁷ that He might be the Mediator between God and man,⁸ by Whom alone we must be saved.⁹

- 1 Apostles' Creed : " I believe in . . . Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord."
Nicene Creed : " I believe in . . . one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God."
- 2 Sh. Cat., 17 : " The Lord Jesus Christ . . . being the eternal Son of God, became man."
Also West. C., VIII. 2, and L. Cat., 37.
- 3 L. Cat., 37 : " By taking to Himself a true body and a reasonable soul."
Also Sh. Cat., 22.
Belgie C., XVIII. : " His . . . eternal Son . . . did not only assume human nature as to the body, but also a true human soul."
- 4 West. C., VIII. 2 : " Yet without sin."
Also L. Cat., 37, and Sh. Cat., 22.
- 5 Apostles' Creed : " Conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary."
Nicene Creed : " Incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary."
West. C., VIII. 2 : " Being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mary."
L. Cat., 37 : " Being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mary . . . and born of her."
Also Sh. Cat., 22.
- 6 Athanasius' Creed : " We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man."
West. C., VIII. 2 : " Which person is very God and very man."
L. Cat., 36 : " The Lord Jesus Christ . . . was and continues to be God and man."
Also Sh. Cat., 21.
Scotch C., VI. : " Whom we confess and acknowledge Emmanuel, very God and very man."
- 7 Athanasius' Creed : " Although He be God and man, He is not two, but one Christ . . . one altogether; not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person."
West. C., VIII. 2 : " Two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person."
L. Cat., 36 : " Two entire distinct natures, and one person."
Also Sh. Cat., 21.
Thirty Nine A., II. : " Two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and very man."
Belgie C., XIX. : " The person of the Son is inseparably joined and connected with the human nature: so that there are not . . . two persons, but two natures united in one single person; yet each nature retains its own distinct properties."
- 8 West C., VIII. 1 : " To be the Mediator between God and man."
L. Cat., 40 : " The Mediator, Who was to reconcile God and Man."
- 9 L. Cat., 60 : " Neither is there salvation in any other, but in Jesus Christ alone."
Thirty Nine A., XVIII. : " Holy Scripture doth set out to us only the name of Jesus Christ, whereby men must be saved."

VIII.

of the Work of Christ. We believe that the Mediator, the Lord Jesus Christ, being anointed with the Holy Spirit¹ to proclaim and set up the Kingdom of God among men,² did in His perfect life on earth, by words and deeds of grace, declare the Father,³ Whose image He is;⁴ and did fully satisfy divine justice,⁵ and obtain for His people forgiveness of sins, reconciliation to God, and the gift of eternal life,⁶ through His obedience on our behalf to the law and will of His Father,⁷ even unto the death of the cross, wherein He offered Himself up without spot to God, a sacrifice for sin.⁸

1 West. C., VIII. 3 : " The Lord Jesus . . . was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure."
L. Cat., 42 : " Anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure."
Heidelberg Cat., 31 : " Christ is . . . anointed with the Holy Ghost."

- 2 West. C., VIII. 1: "It pleased God . . . to choose the Lord Jesus . . . to be . . . the King."
 L. Cat., 42: "Set apart . . . to execute the offices of Prophet, Priest, and King of His Church."
 Also, Sh. Cat., 23, 26.
- 3 Scotch C., VIII.: "We are not affrayed to cal God our Father, . . . because . . . He hes given unto us His only Sonne, to be our Brother."
- 4 Scotch C., VI.: "God sent His Sonne, . . . the substance of His awin glory in this world."
 Gallic C., X.: "Jesus Christ according to His divine nature . . . the express image of His person."
- 5 West. C., VIII. 5: "The Lord Jesus . . . hath fully satisfied the justice of His Father."
 L. Cat., 38: "It was requisite that the Mediator should be God . . . to satisfy God's justice."
 Sh. Cat., 25: "to satisfy divine justice."
 Scotch C., IX.: "He suffered . . . to mak . . . full satisfaction."
 Heidelberg Cat., 40: "By reason of the justice . . . of God, satisfaction for our sins could be made no otherwise, than by the death of the Son of God."
- 6 Nicene Creed: "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven."
 West. C., VII. 5: "The Messiah by whom they [Old Testament saints] had full remission of sins and eternal salvation." VIII. 5: "The Lord Jesus . . . purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the Kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father had given unto Him."
 L. Cat., 38: "to procure God's favour, purchase a peculiar people, . . . and bring them to everlasting salvation."
 Sh. Cat., 25: "Christ . . . offering up of Himself . . . to reconcile us to God."
 Scotch Conf., X.: "Our Lord Jesus . . . brocht life againe to us."
 Second Helv. C., XI. 15: "Our Lord reconciled the heavenly Father to all believers, . . . and brought back life and immortality."
 Heidelberg Cat., 37: "In order that . . . He might obtain for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life."
 Thirty-Nine A., II.: "To reconcile His Father to us."
- 7 West. C., VIII. 4: "Which office [a Mediator] that He might discharge He was made under the law and did perfectly fulfil it." VIII. 5: "By His perfect obedience . . . hath fully satisfied the justice of His Father."
 Gallic C., XVIII.: "We rest simply in the obedience of Jesus Christ, which is imputed to us."
 Belgic C., XXII.: "Many holy works, which He hath done for us, and in our stead."
- 8 West. C., VIII. 5: "His sacrifice of Himself, which He . . . once offered unto God."
 L. Cat., 44: "His once offering Himself a sacrifice without spot to God."
 Also Sh. Cat., 25.
 Scotch C., IX.: "Our Lord Jesus offered Himself a voluntary Sacrifice unto His Father for us."
 Heidelberg Cat., 37: "By His passion . . . the only atoning sacrifice."
 Gallic C., XVII.: "The perfect sacrifice that the Lord Jesus offered on the cross."
 Augsburg C., III.: "A sacrifice not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of men."
 Thirty-Nine A., II.: "Christ . . . a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men."
 Canons of Dort, Second Head, III.: "The death of the Son of God is the only and most perfect sacrifice and satisfaction for sin."

IX.

Of the Exaltation of Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ, being for our offences crucified, dead, and buried, saw no corruption, but was raised again the third day for our justification, in Whose risen life we live anew, and have the pledge of a blessed resurrection;¹ that in the same body in which He rose He ascended into heaven, where, as our

High Priest, He maketh continual intercession for us;² and that He sitteth at the right hand of God, Head of the Church,³ clothed with authority and power as Lord over all.⁴

ON WHOLE ARTICLE :—

Apostles' Creed : " Was crucified, dead and buried . . . the third day He rose from the dead ; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty."

Also West. C., VIII. 4 : " Was crucified and died ; was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day He arose from the dead with the same body in which He suffered, with which also He ascended into heaven and there sitteth at the right hand of His Father making intercession."

1 L. Cat., 52 : " He rose again from the dead the third day by His own power : whereby He declared Himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of quick and dead ; all which He did as a public person, the Head of His Church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day."

Scotch C., X. : " Our Lord Jesus, crucified, dead, and buried, Who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification, and destroying of him who was the author of death, brought life again to us."

Heidelberg Cat., 45 : " The resurrection of Christ is to us a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection."

Gallic C., XVI. : " God . . . raising Him from the dead to secure for us the heavenly life."

2 L. Cat., 44 : " Making continual intercession for us."

Also Sh. Cat., 25.

First Helv. C., XI. : " Sitting as our Captain, Head, and Chief High Priest, doth defend and plead our cause continually."

3 West. C., XXV. 6 : " There is no other Head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ."

4 L. Cat., 54 : " Christ is exalted in His sitting at the right hand of God in that as God Man He is advanced to the highest favour with God the Father, with all fulness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth."

Augsburg C., III. : " He ascended into heaven that He might sit at the right hand of the Father and reign for ever and have dominion over all creatures."

Scotch C., XI. : " We nothing doubt but the selfsame body . . . did ascend into the heavens for the accomplishment of all things, where in our names and for our comfort He has received all power in heaven and earth, where He sitteth at the right hand of the Father, inaugurate in His Kingdom, Advocate, and only Mediator for us."

X.

of the Gospel. We hold fast and proclaim that God, Who willeth that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth,¹ has, by His Son our Saviour, given commission to the Church to preach the Gospel of His grace unto all nations, freely offering to all men forgiveness and eternal life,² and calling on them to turn from sin to God, and to receive and rest by faith upon the Lord Jesus Christ.³

1 West. C., VII. 3 : " The covenant of grace, wherein He freely offereth unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ."

Sh. Cat., 31 : " Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the Gospel."

Formula of Concord, Art. II. 3 : " Faith cometh by hearing of the Word of God. And without question it is the will of the Lord that His Word should be heard, and that our ears should not be stopped when it is preached."

Canons of Dort, First Head, II. : " But ' in this the love of God was manifested, that He sent His only begotten Son into the world,' ' that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' "

Confession of Society of Friends (A.D. 1675), V. : "God . . . Who delighteth not in the death of a sinner, but that all should live and be saved, hath so loved the world, that He hath given His only Son."

- 2 Canons of Dort, Second Head, V. : "Moreover the promise of the Gospel is, that whosoever believeth in Christ crucified shall not perish, but have everlasting life. This promise, together with the command to repent and believe, ought to be declared and published to all nations, and to all persons promiscuously and without distinction, to whom God out of His good pleasure sends the Gospel."
- 3 West. C., XV. 1 : "Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace, the doctrine whereof is to be preached by every minister of the Gospel, as well as that of faith in Christ." 2 : "By it [repentance] a sinner . . . so grieves for . . . his sins, as to turn from them all unto God." XIV. 2 : "Saving faith . . . accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone."

XI.

of the Holy Spirit. We believe in the Holy Spirit,¹ the Lord and Giver of life,² Who worketh freely as He will,³ without Whose gracious influence there is no salvation,⁴ and Who is never withheld from any who truly ask for Him,⁵ and we give thanks that He has in every age moved on the hearts of men, that He spake by the prophets,⁶ and that through our exalted Saviour He was sent forth in power to convict the world of sin,⁷ to persuade and enable men to obey the call of the Gospel,⁸ and to abide with the Church,⁹ dwelling in every believer as the Spirit of truth, of holiness, and of comfort.¹⁰

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- 1 Apostles' Creed : "I believe in the Holy Ghost."
 - 2 Nicene Creed : "I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life,"
 - 3 West. C., X. 3 : "The Spirit Who worketh when and where and how He pleaseth."
 - 4 West. C., XVI. 3 : "There is required an actual influence of the . . . Holy Spirit." L. Cat., 58 : "We are made partakers of the benefits which Christ hath promised, by the application of them unto us, which is the work especially of God the Holy Ghost."
 - Augsburg C., XVIII. : "Free will . . . hath no power to work the righteousness of God . . . without the Spirit of God."
 - Canons of Dort, Third and Fourth Heads, III. : "Without the regenerating grace of the Holy Spirit, they [men] are neither able nor willing to return to God."
 - 5 Gallic C., XXIII. : "Accepting the promise which is given to us by the Gospel, viz., that God will give us His Holy Spirit."
 - 6 Nicene Creed : "Who spake by the prophets."
 - 7 Sh. Cat., 89 : "The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners."
 - 8 West. C., VIII. 8 : "Christ . . . effectually persuading them by His Spirit to believe and obey." XIV. 1 : "The power of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts." Sh. Cat., 31 : "The Spirit doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ freely offered to us in the Gospel."
 - 9 West. C., XVII. 2 : "The abiding of the Spirit and of the seed of God within the saints."
 - 10 West. C., XIII. 1 : "Sanctified really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them." L. Cat., 155 : "Establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation." Also Sh. Cat., 89. Scotch C., XII. : "The Holy Ghost, quha sanctifyis us and bringis us in al veritie" [into all truth]. Belgic C., IX. : "The Holy Ghost is our Sanctifier by His dwelling in our hearts." Heidelberg Cat., 53 : "The Holy Ghost comforts me, and shall abide with me for ever."

XII.

Of Election and Regeneration. We humbly own and believe that God the Father, before the foundation of the world, was pleased of His sovereign grace to choose a people unto Himself in Christ,¹ whom He gave to the Son that He might bring them unto glory;² and to those who were thus chosen we believe that the Holy Spirit imparts spiritual life by a secret and wonderful operation of His power,³ using as His ordinary means, where years of understanding have been reached, the truths of His Word in ways agreeable to the nature of man;⁴ so that, being born from above, they are the children of God and His new creation in Christ Jesus.⁵

- 1 West. C., III. 5: "Those of mankind . . . predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, . . . hath chosen in Christ . . . out of His mere free grace and love."

Also L. Cat., 13, and Sh. Cat., 20.

Scotch C., VIII.: "God . . . of meere grace elected us in Christ Jesus His Sonne, befor the foundation of the world was laide."

Second Helv. C., X. 1: "God from eternity predestinated or elected, freely and of His mere grace, . . . the saints, whom He wishes to save in Christ." 2: "In Christ and because of Christ, God elected us."

Thirty Nine A., XVII.: "The everlasting purpose of God, whereby (before the foundations of the world were laid) He had constantly decreed . . . to deliver . . . those whom He hath chosen in Christ out of mankind."

- 2 West. C., VIII. 1: "Unto Whom [the Lord Jesus] He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed . . . and glorified."

Thirty Nine A., XVII.: "God . . . decreed . . . to bring them by Christ to everlasting Salvation."

- 3 West. C., X. 1: "Those whom God hath predestinated, . . . He is pleased . . . effectually to call by His Word and Spirit." 2: "Man . . . altogether passive therein [in the effectual call], until . . . quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit."

Also West. C., XIV. 1, and III. 6.

Also L. Cat., 59, 67, and Sh. Cat., 31.

Belgic C., XXIV.: "True faith . . . wrought in man by the hearing of the Word of God and the operation of the Holy Ghost, doth regenerate and make him a new man."

Canons of Dort, Third and Fourth Heads, XI., XII.: "By the efficacy of the same regenerating Spirit He pervades the inmost recesses of the man . . . This regeneration . . . a resurrection from the dead, a making alive . . . is evidently a supernatural work, most powerful, and at the same time most delightful, astonishing, mysterious, and ineffable."

- 4 West. C., XIV. 1: "The grace of faith . . . is the work of the Spirit of Christ . . . and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word."

See also X. 3: "Elect infants . . . are regenerated through the Spirit . . . so also, all other elect persons, who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the Word."

Also L. Cat., 155, and Sh. Cat., 89.

Second Helv. C., XVI. 2: "Faith . . . through the Holy Spirit, the preaching of the Gospel being the means."

Also Heidelberg Cat., 65.

Formula of Concord, Art. II., Negative IX.: "There are . . . two efficient causes only [of conversion], the Holy Spirit and the Word of God which is the instrument of the Holy Spirit whereby He effects the conversion of man."

- 5 West. C., XII.: "Those that are justified . . . are taken into the number of the children of God." XVI. 2: "Believers . . . glorify God, Whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus."

L. Cat., 74: "Those . . . justified are received into the number of [God's] children."

Also Sh. Cat., 34.

Belgic C., XXIV.: "Faith . . . wrought in man . . . doth regenerate and make him a new man."

Augsburg C., II.: "Sin . . . bringing eternal death . . . upon all that are not born again."

XIII.

of Repentance and Faith. We believe that every one, who through the quickening grace of the Holy Spirit repents¹ and believes the Gospel,² confessing and forsaking his sins,³ and humbly relying upon Christ alone for salvation,⁴ is freely pardoned and accepted as righteous in the sight of God, solely on the ground of Christ's perfect obedience and atoning sacrifice.⁵

- 1 L. Cat., 76 : "Repentance unto life is . . . wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God."
- Scotch C., III. : " . . . Which regeneration is wrought by the power of the Holy Ghost." XII. : " . . . We are so dead . . . that neither can we feel . . . unless the Spirit of the Lord Jesus quickens that which is dead."
- Second Helv. C., XIV. 2 : "By repentance we understand a change of mind in the sinful man produced by the Word of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit."
- 2 West. C., X. 2 : "Quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, he [man] is thereby enabled to . . . embrace the grace offered."
- L. Cat., 72 : "Justifying faith . . . wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God."
- Also Sh. Cat., 30.
- 3 West. C., XV. 6 : "Every man is bound to make private confession of his sins to God, praying for the pardon thereof ; upon which, and the forsaking of them, he shall find mercy."
- 4 West. C., XIV. 2 : "Relying upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification and eternal life."
- L. Cat., 72 : "A sinner . . . receiveth and resteth upon Christ."
- Also Sh. Cat., 86.
- 5 West. C., XI. 1 : "Those whom God effectually calleth He also freely justifieth, not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous ; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone . . . by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them."
- L. Cat., 72 : "Resteth upon Christ . . . for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation." Also 73.
- L. Cat., 70 : "He pardoneth all their sins, accepteth and accounteth their persons righteous in His sight, only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone."

XIV.

of Christian Obedience. We believe and acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ has by precept and example enlarged our knowledge of the divine will and illustrated the spirit of filial love in which God is to be obeyed, while He has laid us by His grace under new obligation to keep the perfect Law ;¹ and we rejoice that the obedience of His people, though in this life always imperfect,² is yet accepted for Christ's sake and pleasing to God,³ being the fruit of union to Christ and the evidence of a living faith.⁴

- 1 West. C., XIX. 5 : "The moral law doth for ever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof : . . . neither doth Christ in the Gospel any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation."
- L. Cat., 91, & Sh. Cat., 39 : "The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to His revealed will."
- L. Cat., 93 : "The moral law is the declaration of the will of God to mankind."
- Heidelberg Cat., 86 : "Why must we do good works ? Because Christ, having redeemed us . . . renews us also . . . that with our whole life we may show ourselves thankful to God for His blessing . . . then also that we ourselves may be assured of our faith, . . . and by our godly walk may win our neighbours also to Christ."

- Augsburg C., XX. : "Obedience unto the Law of God is requisite in them that be reconciled."
- Also Heidelberg Cat., 64.
- Form. of Concord, VI. 1 : "The Son of God redeemed them [those who truly believe] for the very reason that they might meditate on the Law of God . . . and continually exercise themselves in the keeping thereof."
- 2 West. C., XVI. 5 : "[Our best works] . . . as they are good they proceed from the Holy Spirit, and as they are wrought by us they are defiled and mixed with so much weakness and imperfection that they cannot endure the severity of God's judgements." Also par. 4.
- L. Cat., 78 : "The imperfection of sanctification in believers ariseth from the remnants of sin abiding in every part of them, and the perpetual lustings of the flesh against the Spirit."
- Heidelberg Cat., 114 : "Can those . . . converted . . . keep these commandments perfectly? No, but even the holiest men, while in this life, have only a small beginning of this obedience."
- 3 West. C., XVI. 6 : "Yet notwithstanding, the persons of believers being accepted through Christ, their good works also are accepted in Him," &c.
- Scotch C., XV. : "God the Father, beholding us in the body of His Son Christ Jesus, accepteth our imperfect obedience as it were perfect."
- Thirty-Nine A., XII. : "Yet are they [good works] pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ."
- Second Helv. C., XVI. : "The works which we do are accepted and allowed of God through faith, because they which do them please God by faith in Christ, and also the works themselves are done by the grace of God through His Holy Spirit."
- Augsburg C., XX. : "This obedience which is but begun and is imperfect doth please God for Christ's sake alone"
- Saxony C., VIII. : "Obedience, although it be very far from that perfection which the Law requireth, is nevertheless in the regenerate acceptable to God for the Mediator's sake."
- 4 West. C., XVI. 2 : "These good works done in obedience to God's commandments are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith."
- L. Cat., 77 : "Sanctification is inseparably joined with justification."
- Thirty-Nine A., XII. : "Good works . . . do spring out necessarily of a true and lively faith; inasmuch that by them a lively faith may be as evidently known as a tree discerned by the fruit."
- Bohemian C., VII. : "Good works are assured arguments, and signs and testimonies and exercises of a lively faith."
- Belgic C., XXIV. : "It is impossible that this holy faith can be unfruitful in man. . . Which works [good works], as they proceed from the good root of faith, are good and acceptable in the sight of God."
- Heidelberg Cat., 64 : "It is impossible that those who are implanted into Christ by true faith should not bring forth fruits of righteousness."

XXV.

Of Union to Christ. We believe that those who are vitally united to Christ by faith become partakers in all the benefits of His redemption, are adopted into the family of God,¹ and have the Spirit of His Son abiding in them,² the earnest of their future inheritance: and we bless God that in measure as they surrender themselves to His Spirit, and follow the guidance of His Word, they receive strength for daily service, and grow in holiness after the image of their Lord;³ or if, through unwatchfulness and neglect of duty, any of them fall into grievous sin,⁴ yet by the mercy of God Who abideth faithful they are not cast off, but are chastened for their backsliding, and through repentance restored to His favour, so that they perish not.⁵

1 West. C., XII. : "All those that are justified God vouchsafeth, in, and for His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption: by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God . . . are never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation."

2 West. C., XIII. 1: "Are sanctified by His [Christ's] Word and Spirit dwelling in them."

Scotch C., XIII. : "The Spirit of the Lord Jesus . . . dwelling in our hearts by true faith."

3 West. C., XIII. 1: "They who are effectually called and regenerated . . . are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them; . . . and they are more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness." 3: "Although the remaining corruption for a time may much prevail, yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part doth overcome; and so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Also West. C., XVI. 3.

Scotch C., XIII. : "The cause of good works we confess to be not our free will, but the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, Who, dwelling in our hearts, . . . brings forth such works . . . The Spirit of God Which gives witnessing to our spirit, . . . that we are the sons of God, makes us . . . to groan in God's presence for deliverance from this bondage of corruption; and finally to triumph over sin, that it reign not in our mortal bodies."

4 West. C., XVII. 3: "They [the saints] may, through the temptations of Satan and of the world, the prevalence of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins."

L. Cat., 78: "They [believers] are often foiled with temptations, and fall into many sins."

Thirty-Nine A., XVI. : "After we have received the Holy Ghost, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sin."

Canons of Dort, Fifth Head, IV., V.: "When these [watching and prayer] are neglected, they [true believers] are not only liable to be drawn into great and heinous sins, . . . but sometimes actually fall into those evils . . . By such enormous sins, . . . they very highly offend God, incur a deadly guilt."

Also Scotch C., XV.

5 West. C., XVII. 1: "They whom God hath accepted in His beloved . . . can neither totally, nor finally, fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved."

Also L. Cat., 79.

Scotch C., XIII. : "The Sons of God do fight against sin; . . . and if they fall, they rise again with earnest and unfeigned repentance."

Canons of Dort, Fifth Head, VI.: "But God Who is rich in mercy . . . does not wholly withdraw the Holy Spirit from His own people, even in their melancholy falls; . . . nor does He permit them to be totally deserted, and to plunge themselves into everlasting destruction." VII.: "By His Word and Spirit He certainly and effectually renews them to repentance, to a sincere and godly sorrow for their sins, that they may seek and obtain remission; . . . may again experience the favour of a reconciled God, through faith adore His mercies." V.: "On their returning to the right way by serious repentance, the light of God's fatherly countenance again shines upon them."

XVI.

of the Church. We believe in one holy catholic Church,¹ the innumerable company of saints of every age and nation,² who, being united by the Holy Spirit to Christ their Head, are one body in Him,³ and have communion with their Lord and with one another;⁴ further, we receive it as the will of Christ that His Church on earth should exist as a visible and sacred brotherhood,⁵ organized for the confession of His name,⁶ the public worship of God,⁷ the upbuilding of the saints, and the proclamation of the Gospel;⁸ and we acknowledge, as a part, more or less

pure, of this universal brotherhood, every particular Church throughout the world which professes faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to Him, as Divine Lord and Saviour.⁹

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- 1 Apostles' Creed : " I believe in the holy catholic Church,"
 Nicene Creed : " I believe one catholic and apostolic church,"
 Belgic C., XXVII : " We believe and profess one catholic or universal Church, . . .
 a holy congregation and assembly of true Christian believers,"
 - 2 West C., XXV. 1 : " The catholic or universal Church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect that have been, are, or shall be, gathered into one under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all."
 Scotch C., XVI. : " We do most constantly believe that from the beginning there hath been, and now is, and to the end of the world shall be one Church; that is to say, one company and multitude of men chosen of God, who rightly worship and embrace Him by true faith in Christ Jesus, Who is the only head of the same Church which also is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus; which Church is catholic, that is universal, because it containeth the elect of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, who have communion with God the Father, and with His Son Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of His Holy Spirit."
 Second Helv. C., XVII. 2 : " There is only one Church, which we call Catholic, because it is universal, and is dispersed through all parts of the world, and extends to all times."
 - 3 West. C., XXVI. 1 : " All saints united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit and by faith."
 The Irish Articles (A.D. 1675), 68 : " There is but one Catholic Church, containing the universal company of all the saints that ever were, are, or shall be, gathered together in one body under one Head, Christ Jesus . . . regenerated by the power of His Spirit."
 Second Helv. C., XVII. 1 : " The Church . . . the communion of all of those who know and with due religious observances worship the true God, in Christ the Saviour, through the Word and the Holy Spirit."
 See also under [2].
 - 4 Apostles' Creed : " I believe in the communion of saints."
 West. C., XXVI. 1 : " All saints . . . have fellowship with Him in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection and glory : And being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces."
 - 5 West. C., XXV. 2 : " The visible Church, which is also catholic or universal, under the gospel . . . consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, and of their children." 3 : " Unto this catholic visible Church Christ hath given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God for the gathering and perfecting of the saints in this life to the end of the world."
 - 6 Second Helv. C., XVII. 12 : " They who are such [Christ's sheep] in the Church . . . being united by unfeigned love to all the members of Christ, they so declare themselves to be disciples of Christ."
 - 7 West. C., XXV. 4 : " Particular Churches are more or less pure, according as . . . public worship is performed more or less purely in them."
 - 8 West. C., XXV. 3 : " Unto this . . . Church Christ hath given the ministry . . . for the gathering and perfecting of the saints."
 Sh. Cat., 89 : " The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation."
 Second Helv. C., XVII. 17 : " And so we say that the true harmony of the Church consists in its doctrines, and in the true and harmonious preaching of the Gospel."
 - 9 West. C., XXV. 4 : " Particular Churches, which are members thereof [of the catholic Church] are more or less pure, according as the doctrine of the gospel is taught and embraced."
 Irish Articles, 69 : " Particular Churches (consisting of those who make profession of the faith of Christ . . .) be many . . . wherein the more or less sincerely, according to Christ's institution, the Word of God is taught . . . the more or less pure are such Churches to be accounted,"

Scotch C., XVIII. : "The notes . . . whereby the immaculate spouse of Christ Jesus is known . . . we . . . confess . . . to be, . . . the true preaching of the Word of God . . . the right administration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ . . . ecclesiastical discipline rightly administered. . . . Whosoever then these former notes are seen, and of any time continue, (be the number never so few, about two or three,) there without all doubt is the true Kirk of Christ . . . not that universal of which we have spoken, but particular, such as was in Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus and other places."

XVII.

of Church order and Fellowship. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the sole Head of His Church,¹ has appointed its worship, teaching, discipline and government to be administered according to His Word in Holy Scripture by officers² who, being chosen for their fitness, are to be duly set apart to their office;³ and although the visible Church, even in its purest branches, may contain unworthy members, and is liable to err,⁴ yet believers ought not lightly to separate themselves from its communion, but are to live in fellowship with their brethren;⁵ which fellowship is to be extended, as God gives opportunity, to all who in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶

1 West. C., XXV. 6: "There is no other Head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ."

Scotch C., XVI. : "Christ Jesus, Who is the only Head of the same Kirk."

Second Helv., XVII. 17: "We acknowledge no other Head of the Church than Christ."

2 West. C., XXX. 1: "The Lord Jesus, as King and Head of His Church, hath therein appointed a government in the hand of Church officers."

Scotch C., XXV. : "The Word of God truly preached, and the sacraments rightly administered, and discipline executed according to the Word of God, be the certain and infallible signs of the true Kirk."

Galic C., XXIX. : "As to the true Church, we believe that it should be governed according to the order established by our Lord Jesus Christ. There should be pastors, overseers, and deacons."

Belgie C., XXX. : "We believe that the true Church must be governed by the spiritual policy which our Lord has taught us in His Word: namely, that there must be ministers or pastors, . . . also elders and deacons."

3 Second Helv. C., XVIII. 8: "No one ought to usurp the honour of the ecclesiastical ministry. . . . Let the ministers of the Church be called and chosen by an ecclesiastical and lawful election . . . such men as are fit."

Galic C., XXXI. : "No person should undertake to govern the Church upon his own authority, but this should be derived from election, as far as it is possible and as God will permit."

Belgie C., XXXI. : "The Ministers of God's Word, and the Elders and Deacons ought to be chosen to their respective offices by a lawful election of the Church."

West. Form of Church Government: "Ordination is always to be continued in the Church. Ordination is the solemn setting apart of a person to some public Church office."

4 West. C., XXV. 5: "The purest Churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error, and some have so degenerated as to become no Churches of Christ."

Galic C., XXVII. : "We do not deny that among the faithful there may be hypocrites and reprobates, but their wickedness cannot destroy the title of the Church."

Scotch C., XXV. : "We acknowledge that Dornell, Cockell and chaff may be sown in the midst of the Wheat; that is, the reprobate may externally use with the elect the benefits of the Word and Sacraments."

Thirty-Nine A., XXVI. : "In the visible Church the evil is ever mingled with the good."

- 5 West. C., XXVI. 2 : "Saints by profession are bound to maintain an holy fellowship and communion."
 Bohemian C., VIII. : "Every Christian, when he hath found a true part of the holy Church is bound to join and maintain communion and fellowship therewith."
 Gallic C., XXVI. : "No one ought to exclude himself and be content to be alone; but all jointly should keep and maintain the union of the Church."
 6 West. C., XXV. 2 : "Which Communion, as God offereth opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus."

XVIII.

Of Holy Scripture. We believe that it has pleased God, in addition to the manifestation of His glory in creation and providence, and especially in the spirit of man, to reveal His mind and will to man at successive periods and in various ways;¹ and that this Revelation has been, so far as needful, committed to writing by men inspired of the Holy Spirit, and is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments,² which are therefore to be devoutly studied by all;³ and we reverently acknowledge the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures as the Supreme Judge in questions of faith and duty.⁴

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- 1 Nicene Creed : "The Holy Ghost . . . Who spake by the prophets."
 West. C., I. 1 : "Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do manifest the goodness, wisdom and power of God . . . yet are they not sufficient . . . Therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times and in divers manners, to reveal Himself and to declare . . . His will unto His Church."
 L. Cat., 2 : "The very light of nature in man, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God; but His word and Spirit only do sufficiently . . . reveal Him unto men for their salvation."
 Gallic C., II. : "God reveals Himself to men; firstly, in His works, in their creation, as well as in their preservation and control. Secondly, and more clearly in His Word, which was in the beginning revealed through oracles."
 2 West. C., I. 1 : "It pleased the Lord . . . afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth. . . to commit [His revealed will] wholly unto writing : which maketh the Holy Scripture to be most necessary." 2 : "Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the books of the Old and New Testament." 6 : "The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, . . . is either expressly set down in Scripture, or . . . may be deduced from Scripture."
 L. Cat., 3 : "The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God."
 Sh. Cat., 2 : "The Word of God . . . is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments."
 Scotch C., XIX. : "We affirm the authority of [the Scriptures] to be of God."
 First Helv. C., I. : "Canonical Scripture is the Word of God, delivered by the Holy Spirit and declared to the world through prophets and apostles."
 Gallic C., II. : "His Word . . . was afterward committed to writing in the books which we call the Holy Scriptures." III. : "These Holy Scriptures are comprised in the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments." V. "The Word contained in the books has proceeded from God."
 Thirty Nine A., VI. : "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation."
 3 West. C., I. 1 : "The Holy Scripture . . . most necessary." 8 : "All the people of God . . . have right unto, and interest in the Scriptures, and are commanded, in the fear of God, to read and search them."
 L. Cat., 156 : "All sorts of people are to read it [the Word] apart by themselves, and with their families."
 Also Sh. Cat., 90.

Second Helv. C., I. 3: "True wisdom and piety ought to be sought out of these Scriptures."

- 4 West. C., I. 2: "[Books of Scripture] are given by inspiration of God, to be the rule of faith and life." 10: "The Supreme Judge by Which all controversies of religion are to be determined . . . and in Whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture."

L. Cat., 3: "The Holy Scriptures . . . are . . . the only rule of faith and obedience."

Also Sh. Cat., 2.

First Helv. C., I.: "Canonical Scripture . . . alone perfectly contains all piety, every rule of life."

Second Helv. C., II. 4: "We do not accept any other judge in a matter of faith, than God Himself declaring through the Holy Scriptures what is true, what is false, what ought to be followed, what ought to be shunned."

Belgic C., V.: "We receive all these books and these only . . . for the regulation, foundation and confirmation of our faith." VII.: "These Holy Scriptures fully contain the will of God, and whatsoever man ought to believe unto salvation, is sufficiently taught therein . . ."

Thirty Nine A., VI.: "Whatsoever is not read therein [in Holy Scripture], nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an Article of the faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation."

XIX.

Of the Sacraments. We acknowledge Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the two Sacraments. Sacraments instituted by Christ, to be of perpetual obligation,¹ as signs and seals of the new covenant of our peace, ratified in His precious blood; through the observance of which His Church is to confess her Lord and to be visibly distinguished from the rest of the world:² Baptism with water into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost being the sacrament of admission into the visible Church, in which are set forth our union to Christ and regeneration by the Spirit, the remission of our sins, and our engagement to be the Lord's;³ and the Lord's Supper, the sacrament of communion with Christ and with His people, in which bread and wine are given and received in thankful remembrance of His sacrifice on the cross, and in which they who in faith receive the same do, after a spiritual manner, partake of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, to their comfort, nourishment, and growth in grace.⁴

1 West. C., XXVII. 4: "There be only two Sacraments ordained by Christ our Lord, in the Gospel, that is to say, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord." XXVIII. 1: "Baptism . . . is by Christ's own appointment to be continued in His Church until the end of the world." XXIX. 1: "Our Lord Jesus . . . instituted . . . the Lord's Supper to be observed in His Church until the end of the world."

2 West. C., XXVII. 1: "Sacraments are holy signs and seals of the covenant of grace, immediately instituted by God to represent Christ and His benefits, and to confirm our interest in Him; as also, to put a visible difference between those that belong unto the Church and the rest of the world; and solemnly to engage them to the service of God in Christ according to His Word."

3 West. C., XXVIII. 1: "Not only for the solemn admission of the party baptized into the visible Church, but also to be unto him a sign and seal of the covenant of grace, of his engrafting into Christ, of regeneration, of remission of sins, and of his giving up unto God through Jesus Christ, to walk in newness of life."

Sh. Cat., 94: "The washing with water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our engrafting into Christ and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's."

Thirty-Nine A., XXVII. : "Baptism is not only a sign of profession, and mark of difference, whereby Christian men are discerned from others that be not christened, but it is also a sign of regeneration or new birth, whereby as by an instrument they that receive baptism rightly are grafted into the Church; the promises of the forgiveness of sins and of our adoption to be the sons of God by the Holy Ghost are visibly signed and sealed; faith is confirmed and grace increased by virtue of prayer unto God."

- 4 West. C., XXIX. 1: "The Sacrament of His body and blood, called the Lord's Supper . . . for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of Himself in His death; the sealing all benefits thereof unto true believers, their spiritual nourishment and growth in Him, their further engagement in and to all duties which they owe unto Him; and to be a bond and pledge of their communion with Him and with each other as members of His mystical body." XXIX. 7: "Worthy receivers, outwardly partaking of the visible elements, in this sacrament, do then also, inwardly by faith, really and indeed, yet not carnally and corporally, but spiritually, receive and feed upon Christ crucified and all benefits of His death."

Also Sh. Cat., 96.

Thirty-Nine A., XXVIII. : "The Body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten, in the Supper, only after an heavenly and spiritual manner. And the mean whereby the Body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper is faith."

XX.

of the Second Advent. We assuredly believe that on a day known only to God, the Lord Jesus Christ will suddenly come again from heaven with power and great glory;¹ and we look for this second appearing of our Saviour as the blessed hope of His Church, for which we ought always to wait in sober watchfulness and diligence, that we may be found ready at His coming.²

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- 1 West. C., XXXIII. 3: "So will He have that day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly."

Belgic C., XXXVII. : "When the time appointed by the Lord (which is unknown to all creatures) is come . . . our Lord Jesus Christ will come from heaven . . . with great glory and majesty."

- 2 Belgic C., XXXVII. : "Therefore we expect that great day with a most ardent desire, to the end that we may fully enjoy the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen."

XXI.

of the Resurrection. We believe that the souls of the righteous enter at death upon a state of rest and felicity at home with the Lord;¹ and we look for the resurrection of the dead,² both of the just and of the unjust, through the power of the Son of God,³ when the bodies of all who are fallen asleep in Christ,⁴ as well as of the faithful who are then alive,⁵ shall be fashioned anew and conformed to the body of His glory.⁶

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- 1 West. C., XXXII. 1: "After death . . . the souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies."

- 2 Nicene Creed : "And I look for the resurrection of the dead."

- 3 West. C., XXXII. 3 : "The bodies of the unjust shall by the power of Christ be raised to dishonour; the bodies of the just, by His Spirit, unto honour."
 L. Cat., 87 : "We are to believe that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust,"
- 4 Sh. Cat., 37 : "Their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection."
- 5 West. C., XXXII. 2 : "At the last day such as are found alive shall not die, but be changed."
- 6 West. C., XXXII. 3 : "The bodies of the just [shall] . . . be made conformable to His own glorious body,"
 L. Cat., 87 : "The bodies of the just . . . shall be made like unto His glorious body."

XXII.

Of the Last Judgement. We believe that God will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ,¹ before Whom all men must appear,² Who shall separate the righteous from the wicked, make manifest the secrets of the heart, and render to every man according to the deeds which he hath done in the body, whether good or evil,³ when the wicked shall go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.⁴

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- 1 Apostles' Creed : "From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead."
 Nicene Creed : "He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead."
 West. C., XXXIII. 1 : "God hath appointed a day, wherein He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ."
 L. Cat., 51 : "The estate of Christ's exaltation comprehendeth . . . His coming again to judge the world."
 Also Sh. Cat., 28.
 Scotch C., XXV : "He shall appear again in judgement,"
 First Helv. C., XI : "We expect that He will come at the end of all the ages, the true and righteous Judge, and that He will announce sentence upon all flesh, raised up for that judgment,"
 Thirty-Nine A., IV. : "Christ . . . there sitteth, until He return to judge all men at the last day."
- 2 West. C., XXXIII. 1 : "All persons that have lived upon earth shall appear before the tribunal of Christ."
 Belgic C., XXXVII. : "All men will personally appear before this great Judge."
- 3 West. C., XXXIII. 1 : "All persons . . . shall give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds; and . . . receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil."
 Scotch C., XXV. : "The dead shall arise . . . to receive according to their warkis, glory or punishment."
 Belgic C., XXXVII. : "The books (that is to say, the consciences,) shall be opened, and the dead judged according to what they shall have done in this world, whether it be good or evil. . . Then the secrets and hypocrisy of men shall be disclosed and laid open before all."
- 4 West. C., XXXIII. 2 : "The end of God's appointing this day is for the manifestation of the glory of His mercy, in the eternal salvation of the elect; and of His justice, in the damnation of the reprobate. . . Then . . . the wicked who know not God and obey not the Gospel of Jesus Christ, shall be cast into eternal torments, and be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."
 L. Cat., 89 : "At the day of judgement the wicked . . . shall be cast out from the favourable presence of God . . . into hell, to be punished . . . for ever."
 90 : "The righteous . . . shall be received into heaven . . . to all eternity."
 Also Sh. Cat., 19, 38.

Scotch C., XXV. : "[The wicked] shall be adjudged to the fire unquenchable. . .
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immortality, to reigne for ever in life everlasting with Christ Jesus, when He
shall . . . render up the Kingdom to God His Father."
Augsburg C., XVII. : "Christ shall give unto the godly and elect eternal life . . . ;
but ungodly men . . . shall He condemn."

XXIII.

Of the Life Everlasting. Finally, we believe in and desire the life everlasting¹ when the redeemed shall receive their inheritance of glory in the kingdom of their Father, and be made fully blessed in the presence and service of God, Whom they shall see and enjoy for ever and ever.²
Amen.

1 Apostles' Creed : "I believe in the life everlasting."

2 West. C., XXXIII. 2 : "Then shall the righteous go into everlasting life and receive that fulness of joy and refreshing which shall come from the presence of the Lord."

L. Cat., 90 : "They shall be fully and for ever freed from all sin and misery ; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity."

XXIII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE Committee have found it difficult to obtain sufficient time for the important work on which they are engaged. Nevertheless they have made considerable progress with the Revised Directory. A draft of the order of Morning and Evening Service, prepared by the Sub-Committee, has been carefully considered, amended, and passed; also the order for the Baptism of Adults. The section on the Baptism of Children is ready for consideration; and the Communion Service is in course of preparation.

It could serve no useful purpose to report the result of the Committee's labours in fragments; but it is hoped that, if reappointed, they may be in a position to lay a complete draft on the table of the Synod in 1889.

The Convener was authorised to communicate with the Rev. Dr. Steel of Sydney, who is Convener of a Committee appointed for a similar purpose by the Federal Assembly of Presbyterian Churches in Australia and Tasmania. Probably the revision in Australia will not be so thorough as is necessary for England, but the Committees will exchange documents for information and comparison.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee, by

DONALD FRASER,
Convener.

XXIV.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE
AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THE instructions given by the Synod at its last meeting, based on an Overture from the Presbytery of Manchester, were—to consider the matter, and to report to the next meeting of Synod the method which they may judge best for making the Fund effectual and sufficient.

From the accounts furnished by the Ministerial Support Committee it will be seen that a substantial addition has been made to the capital of the Fund, and it is hoped that farther actual subscriptions may be announced at the Synod.

Your Committee, while not prepared at this stage to recommend any particular method by which the resources of the Fund may be permanently increased, feel encouraged by many practical expressions of sympathy with the object they have in view, and recommend that the Committee be continued with the same instructions as before.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee, by

R. T. TURNBULL,

Convener.

XXV.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF
MEDICAL AND OTHER NON-MINISTERIAL
MISSIONARIES.

THE Committee have given careful consideration to the subject, and have collected much information regarding the views and practice, on this subject, of sister churches at home and abroad. At the same time, judging that valuable information may be obtained at the 'General Conference on Foreign Missions,' which is about to meet in London, they have requested the Rev. W. S. Swanson to arrange, if possible, for a meeting of the Presbyterian representatives, with a view to Conference on this subject. In those circumstances they submit this interim Report, and recommend the Synod to continue the Committee for another year.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee, by

R. H. LUNDIE,

Convener.

XXVI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH
CONGREGATIONAL UNION,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

THIS Committee was appointed by last Synod, but without any fresh instructions.

An opportunity for useful action seemed to open in the autumn of 1887 at the instance of some of the Trustees of the Tooting property. Though this Committee disowned on the part of the Synod any claim to that property, it could not refuse its good offices in favour of one more endeavour to settle out of Court a case which so many good men on both sides deplored. But the proposal which was made was not accepted by the Committee of the Congregational Union.

The suit against Rev. Dr. Anderson has issued in a judgment of the Chancery Division of the High Court, which does not appear to affect the historic position or to prejudice the general interests of the Presbyterian Church of England. This Committee, therefore, has no further comment to make on the matter, the relation of Dr. Anderson to this Church, so far as it may be influenced by the judgment, being a question for the Presbytery of London.

The very explicit resolution passed by last Synod ought to put an end to all imputations of a desire on the part of this Church to reclaim the possession of places of worship having Presbyterian Title-deeds which have been for a considerable length of time in the use of Congregationalists. The Committee sees no necessity for repeating the Synod's disclaimer, or for its own reappointment.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee, by

DONALD FRASER,

Convener.

XXVII.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1888.

It is with the deepest regret that your Committee have to present on this occasion a Report drawn up by other hands than those of their honoured and beloved Convener. The Synod are aware that Dr. Levi, to whom the Church owes so much in every way, but especially in a department in which his high eminence as a statistician enabled him to render us so unique service, is at present laid aside by a very serious illness. Your Committee do not doubt that the Synod will take occasion to give expression to their deep sympathy with our brother in his affliction, and their earnest prayers for his support and comfort, and, should it be the Divine will, for his restoration to health and usefulness.

In the following Report the aim of your Committee has been rather to maintain carefully continuity with Dr. Levi's previous Reports, so as to present matters as much as possible as they think he would have wished to do, than to find new points of view in a matter ever treated by him with such marvellous variety and freshness.

I. GENERAL STATISTICS.

1. CONGREGATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

The number of Congregations has only increased since last Report by *two*, there being now 288 Congregations, with an aggregate membership of 62,566, against 286 Congregations embracing 61,781 members in 1886.

2. BUILDINGS.

These now provide 150,645 sittings, against 146,742 in 1876. They are insured for, in all, £978,631, against £940,223 in the previous year, and as Dr. Levi has always calculated that the amount insured only represents, on an average, two-thirds of the real value of the property, this means that the total value of the Church property is now £1,467,946, against £1,410,334 in the previous year. The debt reported as resting on this property is £85,039, against £102,939 the year before.

It is a curious circumstance that, though the membership of the Church keeps steadily increasing, the sittings let tend rather to decrease.

The fact is one to which Dr. Levi has frequently drawn attention. It is put in a very striking light by the following statement for the last six years:—

Year	Sittings available	Sittings to let after deducting those free	Sittings let	Percentage of Sittings let to Number available	Percentage of Sittings let to Number to let	Amount of seat rents
1882	142,994	127,905	63,554	44.44	49.75	41,258
1883	143,106	129,825	63,349	44.27	48.80	40,830
1884	145,320	129,220	63,349	43.49	48.97	40,173
1885	146,773	133,204	63,167	43.03	47.42	40,824
1886	146,742	130,538	61,775	42.10	47.32	40,326
1887	150,645	134,739	62,824	41.70	46.63	40,900

These figures show that, eliminating altogether the Congregations that have adopted the plan of free sittings, there is still a diminution since 1882 of 3.12 in the percentage of sittings let. It is difficult to believe that the attendance on our Churches is diminishing. It looks as if, even in Congregations in which seat rents are taken, they were not so rigidly exacted as in former years.

3. OFFICE-BEARERS.

The following table shows the advance in the number of office-bearers during the last six years:—

Years	Elders	Deacons	Managers	Total
1882	1,633	642	2,137	4,412
1883	1,615	603	2,176	4,394
1884	1,671	596	2,233	4,500
1885	1,712	592	2,304	4,608
1886	1,737	588	2,363	4,688
1887	1,787	599	2,389	4,775

It appears from these figures that the number of Deacons, which for four years steadily decreased, was last year slightly in the ascendant. Office-bearers of all sorts were, both in 1882 and in 1887, in the ratio of 1 to every 13 members, Elders alone in that of 1 to 35 members. Reference to the statistical table will show that there is a considerable number of recently formed Congregations in which there are no local Elders, the spiritual oversight of the Congregations being taken by Presbyterian sessions. It should never be forgotten, however, that, valuable as such an arrangement is in the earliest stages in the organisation of a Congregation, there is danger in continuing it indefinitely. A Congregation can scarcely be regarded as possessing the elements of stability or effective Christian work till it is in a position to have its spiritual activity guided by Elders chosen from among its own members.

4. CHRISTIAN WORK.

There is probably no denomination in England in which there is carried on a larger amount of Christian work, in proportion to its

numbers, than among our Congregations. Such work cannot, of course, be shown in mere statistical tables, but the following figures have their own elements of interest :—

	1886	1887
Sabbath School Teachers	7,210	7,268
„ Scholars... ..	75,794	77,251
Members of Bible Classes	7,583	7,967
District Visitors	2,116	2,179
Members of Dorcas Societies	4,855	4,646

Young Men's Societies do not, perhaps, represent exactly what we call 'Christian work,' but are none the less valuable elements in the organisation of the Congregation. In 1887 there were reported 4,751 young men as connected with these organisations, against 4,625 in 1876.

5. TEMPERANCE.

There are now 175 Bands of Hope in connection with the Church, with other organisations to the number of 74, making in all 249. The total number of societies of all classes reported in 1876 was 220. In many instances the membership is not given, but the sum of those reported is 22,776. The number really connected with our organisations cannot be less than 25,000.

6. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The progress of this work, in which our Church has been so signally blessed of God, will appear from the following figures, embracing our larger work at China, and also our little mission at Rampore Bauleah in India :—

	1876	1887
European Ordained Missionaries	12	16
Medical Missionaries	3	7
Missionary Teachers	—	2
Women's Association Missionaries	—	13
Native Pastors, supported by their own Congregations	—	6
Native Evangelists	49	96
Theological students	27	36
Organised Congregations	14	41
Preaching stations	52	75
Communicants	1,974	3,397

It will be noticed that Missionary Teachers and the agents of the Women's Missionary Association have both been introduced since 1876, as well as the whole development of a native pastorate. The work of the Women's Missionary Association, since its organisation in 1879, has been certainly very remarkable. It will be seen that it is now represented by 13 agents; and when it is remembered that the wives of the missionaries are invariably engaged in active work in the same department, it will be seen how striking a feature of our mission work is the Christian activity of women.

7. JEWISH MISSION.

It must not be forgotten that besides the Whitechapel Mission, conducted with so much efficiency and wisdom by our venerable and veteran missionary, Mr. Meyer, we have now a Foreign Jewish Mission in Morocco, still in its infancy, but specially interesting on account of the participation of the United Presbyterian in the expense of the mission.

8. THE COLLEGE.

The number of students attending the College during the last six years has been as follows:—

Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	Total
1882	7	16	6	29
1883	10	7	10	27
1884	6	9	5	20
1885	5	7	12	24
1886	4	5	7	16
1887	9	1	6	16

It cannot be doubted that these figures are unsatisfactory. It certainly seems as if the question of the supply of students had not yet received from the Church the measure of attention it deserves and needs.

II. FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

1. CONGREGATIONAL INCOME.

The sources and amount of this class of income during the last six years will appear from the following table:—

Congregational Purposes	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Seat Rents	41,258	10,830	40,173	40,824	40,326	40,900
Sustentation Fund (not being aid)	11,330	11,270	11,574	12,127	11,717	11,674
Collections	68,612	58,797	62,037	60,718	60,662	62,723
Poor and Congrega- tional Missions . .	21,191	22,908	24,355	24,062	25,963	25,593
Temporary purposes .	52,391	41,210	39,892	29,708	30,680	42,962
	186,263	175,015	178,031	167,439	169,348	183,852
Average per Congrega- tion	667	627	629	585	592	638

No figures could show more clearly the effect of the commercial depression of the last few years on the elasticity of congregational finance throughout the Church. In 1882 the average givings per Congregation amounted to £667. In 1883 and 1884 it had sunk by about £40. In 1885 it reached its lowest point, slightly recovering ground in 1886, while last year it was higher than in any of the four years pre-

ceding. The most irregular element during the six years has been, as might be expected, the contributions for temporary objects, to which the fall and rise of the total average contributions are mainly due. It will be noticed, however, that during the whole six years the givings for the poor and congregational missions have risen, almost year by year—a very striking evidence of the steady growth of earnestness and activity in evangelistic work.

2. GENERAL FINANCES.

The total receipts of the Church for all purposes during the last six years have been as follows:—

Sources	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Congregations—						
Ordinary income .	133,891	133,805	138,139	137,731	138,668	140,890
Temporary purposes .	52,872	41,210	39,892	29,708	30,680	42,962
Synodical funds .	30,378	29,231	26,222	30,204	24,858	26,352
Donations & extraneous	18,654	10,973	8,949	18,463	12,327	9,381
Total . . .	235,295	211,219	213,202	216,106	206,533	219,585

Here, again, it will be seen that the improvement corresponds very much to the increase in contributions for temporary purposes, a diminution of £3,000 in donations and extraneous contributions between 1886 and 1887 being more than made up by the contributions of Congregations for ordinary purposes and for Synodical funds.

3. MISSIONARY FUNDS.

The contributions of Congregations to these funds are marked by vicissitudes of the same 'sort and due to the same causes' as those already noticed. The figures are as follows:—

Year	Home Missions	Foreign Missions, including Women's Asso- ciation	Jewish Mission	Continental Missions	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
1882	1,925	10,891	846	605	14,267
1883	2,586	10,217	854	416	12,873
1884	1,521	12,054	839	438	14,852
1885	1,598	9,200	766	380	11,944
1886	1,554	9,496	844	427	12,321
1887	1,576	10,304	769	427	13,076

Besides the contributions here tabulated, derived from congregational sources, £6,199 1s. 7d. accrued in the form of donations, from the Scottish Auxiliary to the Foreign Missions, and from the contribution of the United Presbyterian Church to our Morocco Mission to the Jews, making the total income for missionary purposes £19,275 6s. 4d.

4. STATISTICS IN RELATION TO PRESBYTERIES.

In the last report Dr. Levi compared the two principal elements in our statistics, membership and finance, for the two years 1876 and

1886, in the various Presbyteries of the Church. On the present occasion it may be enough to compare the last two years, as below :—

1886					1887			
Presbyteries	Number of Communicants	Per cent.	Total Receipts	Per cent.	Number of Communicants	Per cent.	Total Receipts	Per cent.
			£				£	
Berwick .	3,990	6·46	4,476	2·17	3,865	6·18	4,747	2·16
Birmingham .	1,641	2·66	5,055	2·45	1,629	2·61	4,856	2·21
Bristol .	1,499	2·42	7,456	3·61	1,627	2·61	7,067	3·22
Carlisle .	2,085	3·38	3,930	1·91	2,049	3·25	4,829	2·19
Darlington .	3,053	4·94	8,043	3·89	3,037	4·86	7,135	3·25
Liverpool .	10,358	16·77	30,353	14·70	10,404	16·62	33,302	15·17
London .	17,812	28·83	78,301	37·91	18,279	29·22	91,659	41·75
Manchester .	5,882	9·52	21,863	10·58	5,971	9·55	21,207	9·66
Newcastle .	11,086	17·94	21,010	10·17	11,434	18·27	21,363	9·73
Northumber-land .	4,375	7·08	5,804	2·81	4,271	6·83	4,759	2·16
Congregatns., Donations, &c., and special purposes .	61,781	100·00	186,291	90·20	62,566	100	200,924	91·50
	...	...	20,242	9·80	...	...	18,661	8·50
	...	...	206,533	100·00	...	...	219,585	100

Grouped in the three districts severally covered by the three Home Mission Boards, this would give us—

Districts	1886		1887	
	Per cent. of Com- municants	Per cent. of Income	Per cent. of Com- municants	Per cent. of Income
NORTH-EASTERN.				
Berwick, Northumberland, New- castle, Darlington	36·42	19·04	36·14	17·30
NORTH-WESTERN & MIDLAND.				
Carlisle, Liverpool, Manchester, and Birmingham	32·33	29·64	32·03	29·23
SOUTHERN.				
London and Bristol	31·25	41·52	31·83	44·97
Donations, &c. . . . .	...	9·80	...	8·50
	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

III. GENERAL PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH SINCE 1876.

The one difficulty in the way of accurately gauging this arises from the imperfect character of the returns given for 1876, no less than thirty-two Congregations having failed to return their schedules for that year. To obtain something like a reliable basis for comparison, the tables for

1876 have been gone carefully over, and the figures wanting supplied from the earliest returns subsequently made by the Congregations which made no return in that year, in respect of the four particulars of sittings provided, membership, debt on Church property, and the amount insured. Taking the figures for 1876 as thus corrected, the following comparison with those of last year seems very encouraging :—

		1876	1887
Total number of sittings provided ...	...	134,146	150,645
„ communicants ...	...	51,013	62,566
Average membership of Congregations ...	...	198	217
		£	£
Amount of insurance on churches ...	...	648,990	978,631
Probable actual value of „ ...	...	973,485	1,467,946
Debt on Church property ...	...	121,173	85,089
Ratio of debt to value ...	...	12·45 %	5·79 %

It is plain from these figures that though the progress of the Church as regards extension during the last eleven years has not been remarkable, it has been very satisfactory in regard to what was felt to be the first necessity after the Union, viz. consolidation. Is it sufficiently remembered that the gradual withdrawal of the subsidy allowed by the United Presbyterian Church, in respect of the aid formerly furnished from the north, rendered necessary the concentration of our strength so as to augment our resources for home purposes within five years by so large an *annual* amount as £2,500? That happily accomplished, there unfortunately followed a period of severe commercial depression, from which the country is only now very slowly beginning to recover, and the effects of which have been severely felt in many parts of the Church. Our hands, as a Church, have consequently never been free for vigorous aggressive measures. It is surely matter of profound thankfulness that, in despite of these adverse circumstances, the Church has managed to build churches providing 16,500 additional sittings, increased her aggregate membership by 11,500 members, raised the average membership of the Congregation from 198 to 217, increased the value of her property by nearly one-half, and yet reduced the burden of debt from 12·45 per cent. on the value of that property to 5·79 per cent. During the same time it might be easily shown that she has made great strides in her evangelistic activity, in which she is perhaps at this moment outstripped by no denomination in the kingdom. In such considerations we have certainly no ground for boasting, for we are still, however compact, a small denomination in England; but we have just as certainly the most abundant reason to thank God for what He has done for us during the last eleven years, and to take courage for the work awaiting us in the future.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee by

ROBERT WALES,
Pro Convener.

APPENDIX.

Inventory of the Property of the Presbyterian Church of England and its Committees, 1887.

REAL PROPERTY.

Churches, Halls, and Manses returned (*see* Table of Congregational Statistics) as insured for £978,631—estimated to have been insured for two-thirds of the real value—represent a capital of £1,467,946.

Mission Buildings in China and India.

Furniture, library, &c., of College, Queen Square.

Property belonging to Congregations.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

1. College Funds :

(A) Securities valued (last) at £33,200 in Railway property, with rental of house in Strand, yielding £300. For particulars, see Report of College Trustees, p. 763.

(B) Barbour Endowment £10,000 North Staffordshire Railway Five per Cent. Preference Stock.

2. Scholarships :

Securities in Indian Railways, Indian Government, Canadian Stock, and British Railways, amounting to £6,402. For particulars, see Scholarships Accounts, p. 910.

3. Sustentation Fund—Muter Trust :

Securities in Railway Property, Manufactures, and New Zealand Government, Stocks valued at £21,328. For particulars, see Muter Account, p. 885.

4. Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund :

Securities, sundry investments at cost price, £35,839. For particulars, see Accounts, p. 887.

5. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund :

Sundry Investments at cost price, at December 31, 1887, £7,515. For particulars, see Accounts, p. 888.

COST OF CHURCHES.

Presbytery of Birmingham.

Date.	Sittings.	Cost.	Cost per Sitting.		
			£	s.	d.
1865 Birmingham, Camp Hill, Freehold	600	4,000	6	13	4
1865 Derby, Freehold ...	450	3,100	6	17	9
" Sunday School Hall ...	—	700	—		
1887 Hanley, Copyhold ...	500	2,950	5	18	0
1865 Leicester, Freehold ...	700	4,500	6	8	7
1867 Nottingham, Leasehold ...	500	3,800	7	12	0
" Lecture Hall ...	—	700	—		
1867 Shrewsbury, Freehold ...	500	5,042	10	1	7
1882 Walsall, Leasehold ...	550	3,264	5	18	8
1866 Worcester, Freehold ...	800	7,000	8	15	0
Average			£7	7	11

Presbytery of Bristol.

Date.	Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1875 Aberdare, Leasehold, 988 years .	400	4,600	11 10 0
1865 Cardiff, Leasehold, 77 years ...	700	6,000*	8 11 5
1886 Cheltenham, Freehold ...	530	5,730	10 16 3
1868 Gloucester, In perpetuity ...	600	4,500	7 10 0
1864 Swansea, Leasehold, 76 years ...	1,200	8,000	6 13 4
1884 Swindon (Lecture Hall), Freehold	300	1,224	4 1 6
		Average	£8 1 2

Presbytery of Carlisle.

1863 Carlisle, Warwick Road (including Site for Manse), Freehold	650	2,618	4 0 6
Manse (exclusive of site) ...	—	1,005	—
1881 Harrington, Leasehold, 994 years	250	1,450	5 16 0
1884 Silloth, Freehold ...	220	750	3 8 2
		Average	£4 6 0

Presbytery of Darlington.

1874 Grimsby (including Hall), Freehold	450	4,176	9 5 7
1876 Harrogate, Freehold ...	380	3,000	7 17 11
1839 Hartlepool, Freehold ...	650	6,500	10 0 0
1873 Hull, Holderness Road, Freehold	1,050	5,525	5 5 3
1868 „ Prospect Street, Freehold .	850	6,000	7 1 4
1874 „ Springbank, Freehold ...	500	6,100	12 4 0
1872 Middlesborough, Trinity, Freehold	550	4,500	8 3 8
1867 Stockton, St. George's, Freehold	550	7,445	13 10 9
1858 West Hartlepool, Freehold ...	650	5,500	8 9 3
1874 Whitby, Freehold ...	460	5,600	12 3 6
1874 York, Freehold ...	800	6,000	7 10 0
		Average	£8 15 2

Presbytery of Liverpool.

1868 Birkenhead, Hamilton, Freehold	600	3,000	5 0 0
1885 „ West Kirby, L. 96 yrs.	350	1,300	3 14 3
1885 Bootle, Peel Road (Lecture Hall), Leasehold, 99 years ...	420	1,340	3 3 10
1858 Chester, Parkgate, Freehold ...	340	3,047	8 19 3
1864 Liverpool, Fairfield, Freehold ...	600	6,154	10 5 2
1879 „ Sefton Park (including Lecture Hall, &c.), L.	900	19,869	22 1 6
1876 „ Union, Leasehold ...	907	7,746	8 10 10
1884 „ Walton, Leasehold ...	275	730	2 13 1
1873 „ Waterloo, Freehold	311	5,888	18 18 8
1867 St. Helen's, Leasehold, 980 years	500	3,452	6 18 0
„ Mause and School ...	—	1,500	—
1870 Southport Church, Freehold ...	450	6,910	15 7 1
		Average	£10 10 3

Presbytery of London.

1877 Canterbury, Freehold ...	440	5,000	11 7 3
1878 Eastbourne, Freehold...	700	6,700	9 11 5
1868 Gravesend, Freehold ...	750	4,842	6 9 1

* Approximate.

Date.		Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1870	Ipswich, Freehold ...	500	4,100	8 4 0
	„ Lecture Hall ...	—	566	—
1881	London, Blackheath (Lecture Hall), F.—		1,900	—
1869	„ Bow, Leasehold ...	468	3,650*	7 16 0
1882	„ Brockley (including Lec- ture Hall), In perpetuity	977	8,200	8 7 10
1867	„ Camberwell, Freehold ...	550	7,178	13 1 0
1870	„ Camden Road, Leasehold	650	9,445	14 10 7
	„ Lecture Hall ...	—	1,150	—
1871	„ Clapton, Freehold ...	550	6,368	11 11 7
1876	„ Crouch Hill, Freehold...	606	8,250	13 12 3
1868	„ Hammersmith, Leasehold	550	7,015	12 15 1
1886	„ Highgate ...	750	8,500	11 6 8
1885	„ Kingston, Freehold ...	450	4,070	9 0 11
1869	„ Kentish Town, Leasehold	700	2,750*	3 18 7
1875	„ Marylebone, Leasehold .	1,575	15,000	9 10 6
1870	„ New Barnet, Freehold ...	290	2,825	9 14 10
1872	„ Notting Hill, Freehold .	870	13,234	15 4 3
1877	„ Oxenden, Freehold ...	560	8,000	14 5 8
	„ Lecture Hall ...	—	1,400	—
1885	„ Richmond, Freehold ...	501	3,862	7 14 2
1885	„ St. John's Wood, Freehold	1,021	7,748†	7 11 9
1883	„ Silvertown (Lecture Hall), F.	202	1,082	5 7 2
	„ Manse ...	—	700	—
1882	„ Somers Town, Leasehold	1,060	8,380	7 18 1
	„ Institute ...	—	1,492	—
1872	„ South Kensington, Freehold	800	7,200	9 0 0
1885	„ Stoke Newington, Freehold	720	5,800	8 1 1
1875	„ Streatham, Freehold ...	389	5,696	14 12 10
1864	„ Tottenham, Freehold ...	450	6,000	13 6 8
1874	„ Upper Norwood, Leasehold	520	6,500	12 6 0
	„ Lecture Hall, &c. ...	—	1,000	—
1872	„ Wandsworth, Freehold .	600	7,500	12 10 0
1875	„ Willesden, Leasehold ...	400	3,500	8 15 0
1875	„ Wood Green, Freehold .	500	5,852	11 14 1
1867	Norwich, Freehold ...	650	4,323	6 13 0
	„ Schoolroom & other property	—	2,177	—
1880	Portsmouth, Leasehold, 999 yrs.	586	6,966	11 17 9
1879	Reading, Freehold ...	540	5,500	10 3 8
1883	St. Leonards, Freehold ...	820	8,011	9 15 5
1874	Southampton, Woolston, Freehold	386	3,300	8 11 0
1887	Wallington, Freehold (including Lecture Hall, &c.)...	670	5,004	7 9 3
			Average	£9 19 5

Presbytery of Manchester.

1879	Leeds, Cavendish Road (includ- ing Lecture Hall), Freehold...	600	6,000	10 0 0
1868	Manchester, Bowdon, L. 999 yrs.	400	7,000	17 10 0
1875	„ Higher Broughton (includ- ing Lecture Hall, &c.), C.	650	8,000	12 6 2
1871	„ Longsight (including Sabbath School), F.	450	5,500	12 4 5
1871	„ Pendleton, Leasehold	500	3,800	7 10 0
1887	„ Preston Lecture Hall	200	550	2 15 0
1874	„ Sale, Freehold ...	700	6,600	9 8 7
	„ Manse ...	—	1,650	—
1887	„ Whalley Range, Leasehold	540	9,840	18 4 5
1867	„ Withington, Leasehold	560	6,227	11 2 5

* Approximate.

† Inclusive of Hall, but exclusive of site.

Date.		Sittings.	Cost. £	Cost per Sitting. £ s. d.
1887	Oldham, Leasehold, 999 years ...	305	1,734	5 13 8
1872	Ramsbottom, Leasehold, 999 yrs.	650	7,500	11 10 9
1869	Wigan, Freehold ...	630	5,676	9 0 2
	„ School and Cottage ...	—	1,000	—
			Average	£11 1 3

Presbytery of Newcastle.

1883	Bellingham, Freehold ...	250	1,750	7 0 0
1878	Blackhill, Copyhold ...	340	2,500	7 7 1
1873	Blyth, Waterloo Road, Freehold	600	5,300	8 16 8
1872	Durham, Freehold ...	380	3,500	9 4 3
1869	Forest Hall, Freehold ...	405	1,141	2 16 4
1869	Gateshead, Durham Road, Freehold	850	7,500	8 16 6
1869	Hebburn-on-Tyne, Leasehold ...	880	14,000	15 18 2
1877	Houghton-le-Spring, Freehold ...	400	3,500	8 15 0
1874	Jarrow, St. Kilda's, Leasehold...	312	2,800	8 19 6
1873	Newcastle, Barras Bridge, Freehold	700	5,222	7 9 2
1881	„ Heaton (Lecture Hall, &c.), Freehold ...	186	1,250	6 14 5
1872	„ Westmoreland Road, F.	750	6,000*	8 0 0
1883	Seaham Harbour, Leasehold ...	310	1,850	5 19 5
1877	South Shields, St. John's, Freehold	630	5,500	8 14 7
1878	„ St. Paul's, Freehold	380	3,200	8 8 5
1871	Sunderland, Trinity, Leasehold .	700	4,000	5 14 3
1877	Wark, Freehold ...	160	1,411	8 16 4
	„ Manse ...	—	1,425	—
			Average	£8 11 1

Presbytery of Northumberland.

1860	Morpeth ...	850	4,350	5 2 4
1863	Newbiggin ...	300	709	2 7 3
			Average	£4 8 1
			Total Average	£9 5 9

* Approximate.

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART I.
CONGREGATIONAL.

GENERAL OF PRESBYTERIAN PRESENTED TO THE PART I.—CON

F, Freehold; L, Leasehold and number

CHURCHES.									
No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	PRESBYTERIES.				£	£	£		
	BERWICK.								
1	Ancroft Moor	1845	1880	F	1200	20	160	210	140
2	Beaumont Union	1850	1882	L 62	1100	...	...	360	326
3	Belford	1776	1884	L 38	1300	...	...	360	205
4	Berwick—Bankhill	1719	1863	*L247	†600	...	...	400	280
5	" —Church Street	1812	1883	F	1000	...	...	600	free
6	" —Wallace Green	1769	1886	F	7600	...	...	1031	835
7	Chatton	1850	1851	L	800	...	...	500	250
8	Crookham	1732	1864	F	...	8	...	480	214
9	Etal	1697	1866	L	400	16	...	450	224
10	Horncliffe	1853	1858	F	800	...	70	325	187
11	Lowick	1665	1874	F	750	...	100	450	146
12	Norham—North... ..	1845	1858	F	...	...	300	400	202
13	" —South... ..	1752	1870	F	500	...	...	300	140
14	Spittal	1745	1881	C	3700	...	...	700	300
15	Tweedmouth	1840	1886	C	800	...	300	400	210
	One Preaching Station ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	free
					20550	44	930	7106	3659
	BIRMINGHAM.								
16	Birmingham—Broad Street	1839	vacant	L 58	6000	...	...	800	74
17	" —Camphill	1865	1886	F	4500	800	...	600	147
18	" —New John Street	1855	1885	F	3000	...	...	400	71
19	" —Smethwick	1853	1886	F	2090	60	...	350	free
20	Burton-on-Trent	1861	1870	L 82	2550	...	...	334	115
21	Derby	1865	vacant	F	4000	450	...	500	90
22	Dudley	1842	vacant	F	2000	267	...	500	40
23	Hanley	1847	1858	C	2500	700	...	500	179
24	Leicester	1865	1883	F	3000	1000	...	600	241
25	Nottingham	1867	1880	L 78	4000	...	...	500	210
26	Shrewsbury	1867	1886	F	2700	...	...	500	free
27	Stafford	1672	1887	F	1000	...	...	250	140
28	Walsall	1877	vacant	L 91	3200	340	...	550	50
29	Wolverhampton	1862	1887	F	5000	1031	...	680	217
30	Worcester	1865	1885	F	5000	...	...	800	104
					50450	4648	...	7864	1678

(*) Manse Freehold.

(†) Exclusive of £300 insured on Manse.

STATISTICS

THE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

SYNOD IN 1887.

GREGATIONAL.

of years; C, Copyhold; P, Perpetuity.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed; &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1887.	1886.											
3	3	...	4	37	30	6	120	115	...	9	5	8	...	1	28	...	...	8	1
5	...	12	11	44	76	13	290	324	2	14	4	12	...	7	62	...	...	14	2
8	...	12	10	32	43	4	217	232	2	13	...	...	...	7	43	...	...	...	3
6	9	...	7	7	13	6	265	271	...	9	5	7	18	15	120	...	a26	26	4
8	...	18	14	34	28	19	309	308	2	11	11	11	11	11	122	...	...	45	5
16	...	21	25	24	39	16	822	830	6	28	16	25	120	68	627	...	...	90	6
5	...	12	20	36	41	17	258	260	3	18	17	...	...	4	56	...	...	20	7
5	9	...	9	5	10	14	180	190	2	10	5	...	...	2	44	120	...	9	8
3	2	...	11	25	18	18	214	214	...	19	12	8	...	5	50	...	...	12	9
5	...	...	4	27	19	3	211	210	...	15	3	...	...	5	66	76	...	26	10
2	3	...	3	23	36	3	149	162	1	6	3	...	...	3	40	...	...	12	11
7	7	...	6	20	20	1	195	192	6	20	1	...	...	8	93	...	...	18	12
3	...	6	3	20	12	5	146	140	...	8	3	...	...	4	30	...	...	14	13
12	...	11	6	6	11	45	232	276	...	...	7	25	...	19	134	...	...	20	14
8	...	8	1	7	20	1	202	215	...	13	1	7	...	4	64	155	...	55	15
2	...	1	4	1	...	1	55	51	...	1	1	2	...	10	63	...	...	30	
98	33	101	138	348	416	172	3865	3990	24	194	94	105	149	173	1642	351	26	399	
5	...	5	...	3	4	11	92	104	...	6	1	...	8	22	237	...	...	...	16
6	...	18	12	12	11	13	140	140	4	10	1	30	40	32	384	...	20	10	17
5	...	9	6	7	3	7	81	78	...	4	3	12	30	28	322	...	18	6	18
6	...	12	5	4	1	8	87	87	...	6	4	18	...	21	147	...	...	36	19
5	...	12	9	2	2	8	105	104	...	8	3	10	...	22	204	...	...	...	20
3	...	9	4	3	8	3	86	90	...	1	2	...	14	20	118	...	13	...	21
...	...	12	...	...	2	14	30	16	...	4	2	...	...	12	100	...	...	12	22
3	...	9	2	13	8	17	119	130	...	5	1	...	20	22	228	...	10	...	23
6	...	12	12	20	3	1	120	92	2	8	1	8	12	14	83	...	25	12	24
6	...	13	17	13	10	15	233	228	1	6	2	17	17	48	433	...	70	40	25
3	...	2	3	3	3	3	63	65	...	6	...	3	11	7	134	...	...	5	26
1	...	12	3	1	15	9	104	126	1	5	...	...	...	11	180	...	...	25	27
3	...	12	4	2	4	5	75	79	1	1	1	...	...	16	214	...	34	...	28
6	...	12	18	12	6	10	190	176	...	12	2	7	30	19	140	...	34	37	29
4	7	...	5	9	4	2	104	96	2	3	2	17	...	24	227	...	15	38	30
62	7	149	100	104	84	126	1629	1641	11	85	25	122	182	318	3151	...	239	221	

(a) Belongs to all the Berwick Congregations.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.												
No.	CONGREGATIONS.				Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
									Church.	Manse.		
BRISTOL.												
31	Aberdare...	...	...	...	1875	1886	L 987	£ 2500	£ 400	£	400	150
32	Bristol ...	...	...	...	1855	1885	F	5100	...	...	700	310
33	Cardiff ...	...	...	...	1865	1881	L 76	5500	...	250	666	431
34	Cheltenham	...	...	...	1860	1873	F	7500	180	...	520	166
35	Gloucester	...	...	...	1868	1881	P	5000	...	500	600	216
36	Plymouth	...	...	...	1861	1864	F	5500	...	...	825	274
37	Swansea ...	...	...	...	1862	1885	L 75	7000	1700	...	1200	free
38	Swindon ...	...	...	...	1884	1886	F	1000	503	...	300	136
39	Torquay ...	...	...	...	1864	1887	L 75	4000	...	...	487	250
								43100	2783	750	5698	1933
CARLISLE.												
40	Bewcastle	...	...	...	1789	1881	L 1	300	...	...	200	free
41	Brampton	...	...	...	1672	1885	F	1000	...	...	280	69
42	Carlisle—Fisher Street	...	...	...	1689	1862	F	3310	...	...	572	460
43	„ —Warwick Road	...	...	...	1862	1873	F	1600	88	363	650	free
44	Cleator Moor	...	...	...	1867	1869	F	700	...	...	225	124
45	Haltwhistle	...	...	...	1744	vacant	F	400	...	...	150	5
46	Harrington	...	...	...	1881	1881	L 993	1000	...	...	235	157
47	Maryport—Crosby Street	...	...	...	1881	1851	F	1100	...	...	400	220
48	„ —John Street...	...	...	...	1773	1887	F	1000	...	40	320	139
49	Penrith	...	...	...	1689	1885	F	1500	...	...	200	93
50	Silloth	...	...	...	1884	1884	F	800	...	...	220	free
51	Whitehaven—High Street	...	...	...	1749	1884	F	1000	...	...	400	93
52	„ —Market Place	...	...	...	1694	1866	F	2600	...	...	514	245
53	Workington	...	...	...	1745	1887	F	1000	...	...	240	195
	Two Preaching Stations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	220	free
								17310	88	403	4826	1800
DARLINGTON.												
54	Bishop Auckland	...	...	...	1863	1888	L 78	2200	...	...	300	free
55	Crook	...	...	...	1861	1887	F	1100	...	...	250	free
56	Darlington	...	...	...	1865	1880	F	2000	400	...	550	208
57	Grimsby	...	...	...	1874	1883	F	3000	1375	...	450	184
58	Harrogate	...	...	...	1876	vacant	F	2500	450	...	430	69
59	Hartlepool	...	...	...	1839	1843 1865	F	6000	2189	...	650	160
60	Hull—Holderness Road	...	...	...	1873	1887	F	4000	...	...	1050	free
61	„ —Prospect Street	...	...	...	1867	1886	F	5000	...	...	850	free
62	„ —Springbank	...	...	...	1838	1882	F	4000	1830	...	500	free
63	Middlesbrough—Newport Road	...	...	...	1862	1879	F	1950	600	...	600	95
64	„ —Trinity	...	...	...	1872	1885	F	3350	*83	...	550	223
65	Mount Pleasant, Spennymoor	...	...	...	1863	1863	F	1650	...	...	300	105
66	Redcar	...	...	...	1872	1883	L	400	...	...	230	126
67	Stockton—St. Andrew's	...	...	...	1845	1871	F	3100	...	...	340	280
68	„ —St. George's	...	...	...	1867	1880	F	3000	1200	...	530	193
69	Tow Law	...	...	...	1863	1887	F	1000	...	...	200	free
70	West Hartlepool	...	...	...	1858	1858	F	5000	...	...	650	214
71	Whitby	...	...	...	1874	1885	F	3150	1000	...	500	75
72	York	1874	1886	F	4000	715	...	850	94
	One Preaching Station
								56400	9842	...	9780	2026

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Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1887.	1886.											
5	...	12	12	8	3	1	78	62	2	9	1	...	...	13	191	...	...	15	31
7	...	15	15	47	7	28	260	233	1	13	6	12	25	26	205	...	41	22	32
8	...	21	28	37	37	8	329	309	7	24	4	9	20	36	348	...	35	40	33
6	...	8	9	22	12	8	160	149	4	3	6	25	53	23	204	...	...	26	34
...	...	12	30	10	9	6	200	175	5	7	1	13	...	20	210	...	...	45	35
5	4	...	8	4	4	12	173	177	9	17	2	5	...	39	549	...	30	90	36
4	...	12	30	8	1	5	173	141	2	8	5	...	32	30	302	...	30	81	37
3	...	9	23	1	3	16	114	109	...	10	...	12	48	22	226	...	42	14	38
5	...	6	3	6	2	3	140	144	1	...	3	...	25	7	48	...	...	30	36
43	4	95	158	143	78	87	1627	1499	31	91	28	76	203	216	2283	...	178	363	
3	...	4	3	...	...	2	59	58	...	8	2	10	...	*3	40	...	...	6	40
4	...	1	1	...	2	6	58	67	1	4	...	4	...	8	55	...	...	...	41
13	...	15	14	21	12	14	415	406	7	22	3	...	50	51	570	...	40	50	42
8	12	...	18	23	15	22	301	297	5	14	3	36	25	74	558	...	20	80	43
5	5	...	2	6	1	5	100	98	2	13	1	6	...	13	110	...	...	30	44
1	...	5	...	3	...	3	31	31	...	...	1	...	...	1	5	...	...	8	45
7	...	16	7	10	13	3	155	154	...	16	3	...	...	23	196	...	...	16	46
4	...	11	...	7	4	...	130	127	...	...	...	...	...	27	180	...	...	24	47
5	...	7	4	3	5	7	104	109	1	3	1	...	...	14	95	...	...	...	48
3	...	7	6	7	7	6	108	108	...	1	2	6	...	12	109	...	...	...	49
4	...	9	9	6	3	1	81	70	...	10	1	2	...	12	75	...	...	15	50
5	...	15	7	1	9	11	103	115	2	7	5	...	...	12	95	...	...	24	51
8	...	3	7	7	15	23	195	218	5	22	5	7	18	24	187	...	...	27	52
4	...	12	4	14	4	29	164	179	1	9	1	...	40	30	314	...	...	71	53
2	...	13	...	1	2	2	45	48	...	1	1	6	...	11	89	...	...	...
76	17	118	82	111	96	134	2049	2085	24	130	29	77	33	315	2678	...	60	351	
4	...	10	...	1	12	...	84	95	2	...	...	...	12	10	76	...	...	...	54
6	...	16	14	11	3	10	109	92	1	12	...	...	...	24	198	...	...	18	55
6	7	...	3	16	15	10	156	161	2	13	4	12	15	39	424	...	15	40	56
7	7	...	17	4	12	6	163	160	2	9	2	21	23	23	376	...	52	12	57
4	...	6	...	4	...	1	60	70	...	1	1	3	17	6	45	...	...	12	58
4	...	16	2	6	8	4	152	156	...	10	2	4	20	22	227	...	...	15	59
10	8	...	20	11	8	27	214	218	4	6	2	6	...	59	630	...	30	30	60
21	6	...	57	13	29	11	617	587	7	17	11	10	...	82	786	...	32	35	61
3	4	...	3	7	4	2	121	117	2	4	1	...	...	15	120	...	40	20	62
3	...	15	7	8	10	7	122	124	1	10	...	12	...	13	154	...	...	10	63
7	...	12	2	12	16	6	168	176	2	9	...	3	...	22	310	...	60	12	64
5	...	11	7	9	5	4	115	109	1	10	...	6	...	19	146	...	...	16	65
3	...	6	...	...	5	...	85	90	...	4	...	...	20	4	55	...	...	...	66
8	...	15	17	12	10	17	236	234	2	11	6	7	12	35	324	...	...	10	67
6	6	...	5	9	6	7	135	136	1	8	...	6	23	13	185	...	...	18	68
4	...	12	11	4	6	12	78	81	2	4	2	8	...	19	140	...	30	25	69
4	...	12	3	25	12	7	207	198	3	21	6	...	...	41	448	...	40	7	70
3	...	8	2	2	5	4	80	86	...	9	3	...	...	16	147	...	...	12	71
3	7	...	7	9	8	20	105	117	5	4	2	13	87	23	72
...	30	46	20	
111	45	139	177	163	174	155	3037	3053	37	162	42	98	142	475	4898	...	299	315	

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CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.	
						Church.	Manse.			
LIVERPOOL.						£	£	£		
73	Barrow-in-Furness	1868	1870	F	6200	471	...	758	246	
74	Birkenhead—Egremont... ..	1859	1865	F	5000	...	...	749	470
75	—Grange Road	1846	1847 ¹⁸⁴⁷	F	4100	...	...	623	538
76	—Hamilton... ..	1868	1874 ¹⁸⁸⁰	F	4200	...	350	600	203	
77	—Rock Ferry	1856	1857	F	3800	...	...	650	278
78	—St. Andrew's	1840	1863	F	4000	...	...	793	313
79	—St. Paul's	1858	vacant	F	3000	697	...	400	251	
80	—Trinity, Cloughton ...	1863	1863	F	8000	...	...	782	616
81	—West Kirby	1885	1887	L 95	2000	530	...	330	free	
82	Bootle—Peel Road	1884	1884	L 99	1200	270	...	420	360	
83	—Trinity	1855	1877	L 997	11050	...	...	860	668
84	Chester—Chester	1846	1867 ¹⁸⁶⁷	F	1500	475	...	414	87	
85	—Parkgate	1858	1875	F	3000	...	...	300	free
86	—Sutton	1850	vacant	F	500	...	...	250	114
87	Isle of Man—Douglas	1825	1885	F	3000	...	...	510	170
88	—Ramsey	1834	1878	C	2080	...	...	368	92
89	Liverpool—Canning Street	1844	1880	F	7500	...	...	984	443
90	—Everton Valley	1862	1868	L 57	5000	...	...	900	521
91	—Fairfield	1864	1866	F	5100	...	...	732	560
92	—Islington	1845	1887	F	5000	...	...	850	467
93	—Mount Pleasant	1807	1881	L	6600	...	...	1000	329
94	—Prince's Road	1864	1879	F	5500	690	...	596	256	
95	—Queen's Road	1861	1864	F	3000	1000	...	850	225	
96	—St. George's	1845	1877	F	8000	...	...	1105	589
97	—St. Peter's	1842	1878	F	6000	...	...	700	225
98	—Sefton Park	1879	1880	L	15750	...	...	950	950
99	—Shaw Street	1860	1876	F	3000	...	...	500	140
100	—Trinity	1857	1858	F	2500	...	...	470	245
101	—Union	1876	1878	L 66	5000	400	...	907	free	
102	—Vauxhall Road	1867	1868	F	3000	...	...	450	free
103	—Walton	1884	1884	L 2	1000	...	...	275	free
104	—Waterloo	1873	1873	F	5850	...	...	463	388
105	St. Helen's	1867	1875	L 979	6400	...	...	500	173
106	Southport	1870	1879	F	6150	...	...	450	204
						163040	4533	350	21489	10121
LONDON.										
107	Aldershot	1862	1887	F	2800	...	...	700	free
108	Aston Tirrold	1662	1887	F	600	...	...	150	free
109	Bournemouth	1857	1885	L 57	7900	2500	...	650	360	
110	Brighton—Queen's Road	1845	vacant	F	4000	...	150	650	260	
111	—Trinity	1870	1871	F	2000	500	...	450	300	
112	Canterbury	1877	1887	F	4500	500	...	450	66	
113	Chatham	1839	1887	L 73	1350	...	...	500	100
114	Croydon	1867	1886	F	9600	...	683	540	214	
115	Darenth	1881	vacant	F	130	36	
Carried forward						32750	3500	833	4220	1336

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							1887.	1886.											
11	...	15	5	10	21	24	253	283	3	10	3	34	...	28	271	...	35	63	73
11	...	12	45	24	48	...	*554	533	3	17	...	60	25	109	1248	680	25	75	74
10	...	17	55	20	24	20	†542	511	1	13	5	21	16	76	953	...	40	80	75
7	...	8	8	5	3	7	161	158	2	11	2	8	38	18	217	260	...	12	76
3	...	12	9	7	12	5	248	249	4	19	2	25	116	54	929	...	35	20	77
12	10	...	46	...	...	10	†30	438	...	...	10	16	100	57	680	989	...	21	78
6	...	15	18	8	3	25	220	222	2	6	5	15	26	38	403	...	...	...	79
13	...	12	8	18	8	16	\$433	372	2	26	3	11	11	43	580	...	...	...	80
2	...	9	11	29	...	7	107	74	...	5	2	...	...	15	122	...	...	25	81
5	...	15	28	14	14	13	302	305	...	15	2	17	...	32	498	...	...	120	82
6	...	15	17	34	28	12	605	594	3	37	12	16	35	68	939	...	61	39	83
3	1	5	3	8	6	5	81	81	...	2	2	3	9	23	166	...	10	36	84
2	...	12	7	3	3	...	75	68	2	6	...	4	22	10	50	...	33	22	85
2	...	6	3	6	6	4	78	78	1	5	4	10	...	14	170	...	...	15	86
7	9	...	2	12	7	2	172	175	...	10	2	9	...	15	100	...	...	...	87
3	...	9	1	4	1	...	73	69	...	13	...	...	...	20	154	...	...	...	88
19	12	...	23	26	19	42	||588	572	...	12	14	35	45	105	1155	...	82	110	89
12	...	16	17	29	37	23	557	571	5	29	6	23	12	71	769	...	...	49	90
6	...	10	9	36	...	...	353	351	5	23	...	20	40	49	688	...	48	42	91
5	...	14	14	10	18	11	479	534	...	26	11	...	20	58	572	...	...	120	92
8	...	16	10	7	10	19	314	326	...	7	12	10	30	52	416	...	...	...	93
11	...	15	13	21	11	33	374	384	5	28	5	11	20	22	240	...	40	42	94
5	...	23	4	8	4	31	277	300	6	13	4	8	13	62	799	...	...	25	95
4	15	...	17	36	11	40	503	501	6	21	7	8	55	44	391	...	40	30	96
5	...	16	8	4	14	19	349	370	3	26	5	7	...	38	407	...	35	...	97
12	12	...	27	51	37	14	709	682	3	21	7	35	205	75	908	...	104	250	98
4	...	11	5	8	12	...	171	170	4	14	...	7	...	18	159	...	40	25	99
3	...	13	1	5	2	3	194	193	...	6	3	...	16	15	125	...	...	70	100
5	...	18	40	13	30	23	420	445	4	28	9	15	110	30	285	...	30	47	101
3	5	...	8	...	2	8	107	109	1	6	4	...	130	14	245	...	...	50	102
5	...	12	8	15	11	4	130	122	2	20	1	...	...	30	422	...	...	...	103
6	...	7	14	31	...	14	239	203	4	10	4	22	...	18	173	...	90	40	104
5	...	12	6	14	4	12	150	146	1	12	1	6	15	30	348	...	...	35	105
8	...	8	1	6	7	13	156	169	4	3	...	...	...	9	91	...	...	10	106
232	64	353	491	522	413	459	10404	10358	76	500	147	456	1109	1360	15673	1929	748	1476	
4	...	14	4	2	...	18	114	126	7	6	4	8	25	16	163	...	67	31	107
3	...	2	5	2	5	...	50	48	...	2	...	4	11	5	25	21	...	25	108
6	3	...	...	...	...	...	165	165	2	7	...	17	4	39	252	...	20	...	109
2	6	...	12	11	8	34	186	205	5	8	4	6	20	56	621	...	35	33	110
4	...	12	...	...	...	...	120	120	...	...	...	5	15	10	100	...	...	100	111
2	...	8	15	5	...	5	65	50	...	6	...	6	12	12	150	...	12	...	112
8	...	16	11	3	...	1	94	150	6	3	1	9	30	10	112	...	...	50	113
7	11	...	10	21	8	26	149	152	2	6	1	6	25	17	106	...	12	36	114
...	...	6	...	2	2	...	18	18	...	3	...	...	...	2	35	...	...	...	115
36	20	58	57	46	23	84	961	1034	22	41	10	61	142	167	1564	21	146	275	

(†) Inclusive of 60 Mission District Communicants.

(\$) Inclusive of 95 District Mission Communicants.

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CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Manse.		
	Brought forward ...	...	...	...	£	£	£
116	Eastbourne ...	1878	1878	F	32750	3500	833	4220	1336
117	Edenbridge ...	1882	vacant	...	6500	2800	...	700	427
118	Gravesend ...	1868	vacant	F	4200	1371	...	200	55
119	Guernsey ...	1856	1882	P	500	106	...	750	123
120	Holybourne ...	1880	1887	P	...	...	...	210	70
121	Ipswich ...	1868	1880	F	3550	...	...	270	free
122	Jersey ...	1856	1886	F	4000	...	...	470	285
123	Lewes ...	1865	1877	F	a 1400	...	...	465	390
124	London—Belgrave ...	1846	1882	L 30	4000	1635	...	350	80
125	" — Bermondsey ...	1873	1887	F	500	500	...	600	303
126	" — Blackheath ...	1881	1884	F	4000	...	...	320	136
127	" — Bow Road ...	1869	1886	F	3225	...	...	455	186
128	" — Brockley ...	1877	1881	P	6600	*1650	...	420	110
129	" — Brondesbury ...	1887	1887	L 98	b 1200	b 372	...	900	334
130	" — Camberwell ...	1867	1875	F	6950	1150	...	b 215	178
131	" — Camden Road ...	1857	1883	L 81	8000	1000	...	621	464
132	" — Canonbury ...	1672	vacant	L 52	3500	500	...	650	424
133	" — Clapham Road ...	1861	1875	F	12300	...	...	440	142
134	" — Clapton ...	1856	1861	F	6750	150	...	1180	784
135	" — College Park ...	1886	1886	F	1500	...	...	500	202
136	" — Crouch Hill ...	1876	vacant	F	8200	d1100	...	320	free
137	" — Ealing ...	1875	1876	L 98	4000	1574	...	830	493
138	" — East Dulwich ...	1886	1887	...	...	...	...	400	126
139	" — East India Dock Road ...	1865	1865	L 69	2200	...	...	c 500	82
140	" — Forest Hill ...	1870	1883	F	8300	1800	...	350	90
141	" — Greenwich ...	1842	1873	L 59	7650	...	...	800	398
142	" — Hammersmith ...	1869	1869	L 81	5000	100	...	900	294
143	" — Hampstead ...	1845	1864 1887	F	7500	...	...	550	284
144	" — Highbury ...	1859	1860 1885	L 62	14000	...	...	473	245
145	" — Highgate ...	1887	vacant	...	6000	...	...	950	681
146	" — Islington ...	1839	1863	F	4600	...	...	650	125
147	" — Kensington ...	1862	1882	L 70	7000	1650	...	700	575
148	" — Kentish Town ...	1869	1887	L 42	2000	450	...	600	376
149	" — Kingston ...	1874	1879	F	3000	1000	...	700	165
150	" — Marylebone ...	1844	1870	L 84	12000	1100	2000	450	188
151	" — Millwall ...	1862	vacant	L 73	1000	...	...	450	188
152	" — New Barnet ...	1870	1877	F	2400	...	...	1545	808
153	" — Notting Hill ...	1872	1880	F	8200	...	...	300	15
154	" — Oxenden ...	1737	1884	F	5000	2200	...	280	115
155	" — Putney ...	1879	1879	F	2000	1000	...	790	390
156	" — Regent Square ...	1822	1869	F	15000	...	...	600	260
157	" — Richmond ...	1877	1878	F	4500	675	...	300	160
158	" — St. John's Wood ...	1853	1880	F	9000	...	...	998	860
159	" — Silvertown ...	1883	1883	F	a1000	...	136	500	172
160	" — Somers Town... ..	1876	1876	L	7700	...	...	1004	921
161	" — South Hackney ...	†1887	...	...	...	...	...	202	118
162	" — South Kensington ...	1872	1873	F	8000	3000	...	1060	380
163	" — Southwark ...	1845	1884	L 15	2000	...	...	600	free
164	" — Stepney ...	1844	1887	L 26	3500	100	...	800	310
165	" — Stoke Newington ...	1880	1883	F	5920	3060	...	800	110
166	" — Stratford ...	1863	vacant	F	7500	1500	...	750	120
	Carried forward ...	...	...	...	285595	35037	2969	35168	15457

(*) Estimate.

(a) Exclusive of £600 insured on Manse.

(b) Lecture Hall.

(c) Hall rented.

(†) Congregation worship in St. Thomas's Hall, South Hackney.

(d) Inclusive of £500 on Organ.

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							1887.	1886.												
36	20	58	59	46	23	84	961	1034	22	41	10	61	142	167	1564	21	146	275		
3	...	16	18	15	4	2	248	221	3	17	2	...	30	27	222	...	51	60	116	
...	...	15	...	3	9	...	34	40	1	13	...	7	12	7	50	72	25	8	117	
3	2	...	3	4	...	...	62	85	...	...	...	...	...	12	156	...	...	...	118
33	...	5	6	3	5	4	44	44	1	12	...	...	...	8	52	...	...	8	119
3	...	...	7	6	1	1	30	19	...	1	1	3	...	4	21	...	...	6	120
7	...	9	15	13	29	7	192	200	3	12	5	15	38	24	202	...	22	35	121	
6	...	17	47	5	6	11	303	269	...	7	4	...	...	30	210	...	...	...	122
5	...	4	...	...	1	10	61	72	...	...	4	5	24	16	110	...	...	...	123
6	6	...	2	32	16	30	220	233	...	4	3	...	55	47	510	...	21	30	124	
2	...	8	29	3	2	...	95	65	...	6	...	3	15	24	192	...	...	26	125
5	...	1	9	23	10	6	101	85	...	3	3	...	...	18	197	...	25	11	126
1	...	12	9	17	3	14	79	70	...	2	1	...	...	15	124	...	...	9	127
8	8	...	26	37	7	30	344	318	...	10	7	40	50	40	348	...	91	60	128	
5	...	6	9	28	2	...	55	...	...	6	...	...	10	8	85	...	...	10	129
9	8	...	73	25	23	49	437	411	5	21	10	16	46	37	320	...	75	...	130	
10	9	...	17	32	33	12	455	450	3	18	3	6	40	89	636	...	38	60	131	
3	...	10	7	13	14	1	145	160	2	2	...	...	14	39	410	...	38	20	132
17	...	12	54	60	40	124	885	964	3	42	14	15	120	75	908	...	80	90	133	
5	1	7	6	10	6	6	115	111	3	4	...	6	14	16	210	...	16	...	134	
...	...	36	34	12	12	6	204	188	...	6	2	26	...	32	602	...	36	20	135	
10	...	11	6	44	40	30	282	302	...	8	4	13	12	52	583	...	70	48	136	
5	...	6	2	20	5	11	98	92	...	1	4	6	15	10	85	...	...	12	137
...	...	13	15	35	...	20	78	48	...	...	...	...	25	11	130	...	...	35	138
3	3	...	1	2	9	4	120	132	1	...	...	...	...	14	178	...	30	12	139
5	...	18	8	29	34	13	237	254	...	7	4	6	30	24	241	...	...	32	140
8	6	...	15	13	...	3	265	263	1	4	3	9	30	29	352	...	25	25	141	
5	...	12	22	15	15	23	202	188	5	4	6	10	20	8	90	...	...	7	142
8	5	...	2	34	12	17	212	205	3	2	1	...	43	16	134	...	21	138	143	
19	...	12	36	58	24	51	635	616	2	15	3	30	77	76	1187	...	85	72	144	
e	...	...	...	28	...	...	28	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	145
16	15	3	...	...	...	...	522	502	5	16	...	...	84	62	765	...	58	32	146
7	10	...	8	39	19	14	248	234	...	8	...	12	35	29	186	...	...	53	147
8	...	...	46	14	8	54	265	267	5	15	6	...	30	51	501	...	25	24	148
5	4	...	7	10	2	11	126	119	1	10	1	...	12	9	90	...	...	53	149
18	14	...	24	60	17	53	f900	886	5	20	5	2	26	82	1014	...	33	86	150	
2	...	1	...	...	3	...	63	98	...	...	...	2	...	16	160	...	...	...	151
3	...	5	10	1	6	3	79	77	...	5	3	5	15	15	108	...	...	12	152
9	9	...	9	4	10	76	330	325	...	...	2	12	38	47	459	...	...	50	153
6	...	12	28	25	15	10	240	212	2	3	...	6	...	21	280	...	24	31	154	
...	...	5	4	8	4	5	72	69	1	2	...	...	11	...	...	...	34	56	155
24	16	...	39	62	51	17	843	810	4	23	8	36	68	178	2075	...	91	...	156	
4	5	...	7	25	13	4	122	107	1	7	4	...	30	8	65	...	21	18	157	
13	...	12	39	57	26	68	917	948	6	26	12	10	35	71	976	...	89	42	158	
4	...	13	16	12	13	8	134	127	...	14	3	8	...	14	112	...	...	24	159
17	...	40	178	10	92	77	917	893	6	53	5	3	...	22	464	...	30	...	160	
5	...	13	20	10	...	...	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	186	...	14	24	161
4	...	14	...	...	...	...	205	207	...	...	...	...	50	13	130	...	...	40	162
6	4	...	2	15	8	16	117	124	1	6	1	...	12	18	200	...	42	20	163	
6	10	...	13	10	8	11	147	143	2	6	...	...	15	27	326	...	34	30	164
4	...	12	9	41	21	6	175	152	2	8	1	...	20	28	223	...	56	19	165	
2	...	12	3	12	20	...	251	296	3	16	...	...	4	29	300	...	...	...	166
363	155	430	997	1080	721	1002	14100	13744	102	508	145	373	1347	1742	18729	93	1446	1723		

(e) Presbyterian Session.

(f) Inclusive of 81 Mission Communicants.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of sittings Church Seated for.	Number of sittings let.
						Church.	Mause.		
	Brought forward ...	...	...	...	£	£	£
167	London—Streatham ...	1875	1885	F	5200	35037	2969	35168	15457
168	„ —Tooting ...	1881	1881	F	1600	250	...	470	228
169	„ —Tottenham ...	1863	1865	F	3800	312	300	500	108
170	„ —Upper Norwood ...	1874	1874	L 70	7000	673	755	450	203
171	„ —Victoria Docks ...	1874	1881	L 84	3500	...	...	546	320
172	„ —Wandsworth... ..	1872	1877	F	5000	...	...	420	123
173	„ —Westbourne Grove ...	1861	1871	F	7300	...	...	650	208
174	„ —Whitefield ...	1873	1885	L 12	...	...	...	a ...	a ...
175	„ —Willesden ...	1875	1884	L 89	5500	1500	...	800	40
176	„ —Wimbledon ...	1884	1887	L 97	2000	475	...	540	456
177	„ —Wood Green ...	1875	1875	F	7300	150	...	250	120
178	„ —Woolwich, New Road ...	1879	1879	F	5000	500	...	500	320
179	„ — „ St. Andrew's ...	1861	1880	L 70	5000	...	...	1100	295
180	Norwich ...	1867	1881	F	*5000	...	1000	430	363
181	Portsmouth ...	1859	1885	L 979	6000	1250	...	650	326
182	Rangoon ...	1881	1887	F	2833	...	425	520	205
183	Reading ...	1876	1884	F	4000	1150	...	350	free
184	St. Leonards—Silverhill ...	1853	1877	F	1800	...	...	650	272
185	„ —Warrior Square ...	1882	1882	F	6000	5994	...	260	76
186	Singapore (b) ...	...	1883	F	3333	...	...	560	269
187	Southampton—St. Andrew's ...	1849	1887	F	4000	...	...	165	78
188	„ —Totton ...	1876	1876	F	500	200	...	600	329
189	„ —Woolston ...	1874	1887	F	4000	...	...	200	110
190	Wallington ...	1880	1880	F	4850	...	...	386	88
	Four Preaching Stations ...	...	...	...	200	730	...	442	137
								1100	70
	MANCHESTER.				386911	48221	5449	47707	20201
191	Blackburn—Mount Street ...	1868	1870	L 921	1000	...	...	560	80
192	„ —St. George's ...	1828	1868	L 979	6000	†2402	...	1000	639
193	Bolton ...	1840	1882	F	2000	...	...	500	265
194	Bradford ...	1847	1879	F	3000	...	...	500	370
195	Crewe ...	1845	1882	F	2500	...	...	380	150
196	Leeds—Cavendish Road ...	1864	1884	F	5500	1242	...	600	244
197	„ —St. Columba ...	1853	1887	F	2300	...	...	350	109
198	Manchester—Ancoats ...	1839	vacant	F	2000	...	...	600	free
199	„ —Bowdon ...	1868	1887	F	5000	...	...	450	free
200	„ —Brunswick Street ...	1798	1861	F	6000	...	...	644	352
201	„ —Eccles ...	1877	1880	F	400	...	...	200	90
202	„ —Grosvenor Square ...	1830	1884	F	6500	...	...	820	350
203	„ —Higher Broughton ...	1874	1877	C	6000	...	...	650	185
204	„ —Longsight... ..	1871	1887	F	4000	300	...	390	182
205	„ —Pendleton... ..	1871	1883	L	4000	...	...	500	211
206	„ —Sale ...	1874	1874	F	e 5500	...	...	600	230
207	„ —Salford ...	1845	1873	C	5000	...	...	800	143
208	„ —St. Andrew's ...	1846	1872	L 999	5000	...	...	800	317
209	„ —Trinity ...	1845	1886	F	3500	...	...	750	264
210	„ —Whalley Range ...	1849	1875	† P	7000	350	...	510	464
211	„ —Withington ...	1867	1882	L 999	5030	...	...	520	345
	Carried forward ...	...	...	...	87230	4294	...	12154	4990

(a) No return.

(b) No return having come to hand, last year's figures have been filled in.

(c) Exclusive of £1,500 insured on Manse.

(*) Exclusive of £800 insured on Manse.

(†) Subject to chief rent.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.								No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.		
							1887.	1886.												
363	155	430	997	1080	721	1002	14100	13744	102	508	145	373	1347	1742	18729	93	1446	1723		
8	...	9	13	26	8	14	201	184	2	5	1	19	59	21	212	...	...	37	167
1	2	...	1	3	...	14	57	67	...	...	...	...	12	4	50	...	...	...	168
6	4	...	8	19	6	17	177	173	10	20	6	7	10	27	468	...	50	39	169	
5	...	10	1	22	7	16	246	246	2	12	...	8	24	9	70	...	...	22	170
5	...	4	16	19	13	39	134	151	4	14	2	...	...	18	219	...	...	...	171
5	3	...	6	29	4	17	231	217	1	7	3	11	45	22	408	...	32	17	172	
6	...	13	...	...	...	...	228	229	1	4	...	10	20	25	304	...	...	...	173
6	...	...	10	10	9	6	85	65	3	1	3	12	95	15	163	...	12	15	174
9	10	...	12	50	24	13	291	266	...	21	2	16	30	36	446	...	...	70	175
4	...	9	6	10	6	...	93	71	...	3	...	...	...	10	66	...	19	6	176
3	...	10	20	43	21	17	267	242	4	16	1	8	23	23	245	...	65	24	177	
13	16	...	9	5	5	5	236	232	8	30	5	8	29	35	372	...	70	113	178	
6	...	18	18	8	10	3	252	239	4	10	2	6	35	27	310	...	...	...	179
6	5	...	34	6	7	7	258	232	2	6	4	29	...	24	211	...	34	51	180	
2	2	...	6	23	14	8	138	131	3	8	2	4	...	20	124	...	38	40	181	
2	...	9	9	15	2	5	98	81	7	11	...	...	...	4	38	...	...	...	182
3	...	12	15	13	4	3	186	165	...	6	1	5	...	26	230	...	21	48	183	
4	...	8	9	...	2	4	88	85	2	3	...	14	...	20	249	...	...	10	184
...	...	10	26	19	16	8	173	152	4	10	3	4	23	12	130	...	26	42	185	
7	...	7	...	...	...	...	92	92	6	13	1	...	10	6	35	...	16	...	186
5	3	...	20	42	11	79	223	251	5	13	6	9	30	40	405	...	50	24	187	
3	...	6	5	5	4	4	48	46	...	3	...	7	...	17	136	...	...	13	188
...	...	8	...	11	...	1	53	110	1	3	1	...	...	6	79	...	...	7	189
4	...	10	10	9	5	17	105	108	...	3	...	7	19	17	144	...	...	10	190
2	...	18	4	24	13	25	219	233	1	14	3	12	46	31	499	60	...	27		
478	200	591	1255	1491	912	1324	18279	17812	172	744	191	569	1857	2237	24342	153	1879	2338		
2	...	12	2	...	...	11	51	62	4	4	...	...	...	6	90	...	...	15	191
17	...	19	73	37	9	61	570	530	14	41	9	41	30	77	855	823	30	30	192	
9	...	12	13	16	20	14	280	285	4	19	2	7	4	23	230	...	25	23	193	
10	...	16	9	20	6	8	286	271	2	8	2	...	20	25	431	...	25	55	194	
3	...	7	3	6	2	8	124	125	4	3	2	4	10	16	204	840	36	20	195	
10	...	15	12	12	17	16	246	255	2	16	3	...	...	26	107	...	57	...	196
...	...	12	15	32	7	13	150	124	3	4	2	...	...	6	50	...	...	30	197
7	8	...	...	...	2	4	256	250	...	...	4	...	12	19	196	450	...	10	198
4	...	9	2	20	2	7	119	99	...	3	2	8	14	16	226	...	...	19	199
10	...	15	47	27	18	31	366	341	4	15	4	30	71	60	528	...	29	95	200	
4	...	9	5	8	2	4	80	73	2	3	...	...	...	11	94	...	...	...	201
12	15	...	11	17	9	46	306	324	2	7	4	21	22	42	771	...	43	...	202	
4	2	8	6	13	10	1	131	123	...	7	1	11	18	12	110	...	...	16	203
7	8	...	15	7	6	14	180	178	4	10	2	...	20	23	276	...	18	50	204	
8	...	12	9	11	4	16	203	203	1	17	2	28	...	28	334	130	19	...	205	
6	...	12	17	26	10	14	220	201	5	10	4	53	45	30	235	...	52	65	206	
7	16	...	8	17	8	14	192	189	6	12	1	12	6	30	312	85	...	35	207	
7	10	17	4	10	10	31	236	263	6	13	7	10	27	24	391	...	...	30	208
7	8	...	5	18	17	32	205	231	5	22	...	...	...	36	259	...	...	15	209
11	...	20	3	13	26	6	312	328	...	10	1	14	19	39	292	...	42	40	210	
8	...	12	12	10	14	18	255	265	1	5	2	25	30	17	133	...	58	76	211	
153	67	207	271	320	199	369	4768	4720	69	229	54	264	348	566	6124	2328	434	624		

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CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings per.
						Church.	Manse.		
	Brought forward ...	...	...	...	£	£	£
					87230	4294	...	12154	4990
212	Oldham ...	1884	1886	...	...	...	...	282	160
213	Preston ...	1877	1877	F	1200	...	...	250	180
214	Ramsbottom ...	1672	1874	L999	4000	200	...	650	174
215	Risley ...	1662	1885	F	1000	...	...	150	16
216	Rochdale ...	1866	1884	L980	4000	105	...	850	345
217	Sheffield ...	1854	1885	L767	4300	...	...	470	300
218	Warrington ...	1854	1877	L919	3000	...	...	450	121
219	Wharton... ..	1662	1862	F	1785	...	...	300	235
220	Wigan ...	1777	1881	F	4000	1050	...	600	186
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	free
					110515	5649	...	16306	6707
	NEWCASTLE.								
221	Bellingham ...	1806	1871	F	2200	...	...	250	178
222	Blackhill... ..	1857	1869	C	2500	...	...	350	163
223	Blyth—Bridge Street ...	1820	vacant	P	500	250	...	500	43
224	„ —Waterloo Road ...	1777	1885	F	4000	500	...	500	285
225	Durham ...	1872	1887	F	3000	...	...	315	125
226	Falstone ...	1709	1882	F	500	...	...	270	196
227	Forest Hall ...	1869	1887	F	600	360	...	350	103
228	Gateshead—Durham Road	1869	1876	F	5000	2631	...	850	320
229	„ —Ellison Street ...	1783	1885	F	1000	...	...	450	217
230	Gosforth ...	1877	1887	F	1200	...	...	280	114
231	Hebburn ...	1869	1882	L 57	6000	...	...	725	210
232	Hexham ...	1702	1856	F	2100	...	...	362	free
233	Houghton-le-Spring ...	1825	1869	F	3000	473	...	400	133
234	Jarrow—Ellison Street...	1852	1857	F	4800	350	...	920	400
235	„ —St. Kilda's ...	1872	1886	L 88	2000	400	...	582	free
236	Newcastle—Barras Bridge	1744	¹⁸³⁴ 1876	F	4000	...	...	700	644
237	„ —Blackett Street ...	1743	1863	F	5000	*39	...	650	590
238	„ —Erskine ...	1853	1857	F	1500	500	...	360	134
239	„ —Heaton ...	1877	1878	F	800	300	...	197	120
240	„ —John Knox ...	1708	1882	F	4175	...	...	616	450
241	„ —St. George's ...	1851	1854	F	2900	300	...	600	...
242	„ —Trinity ...	1765	1875	F	4000	...	...	774	742
243	„ —Westmoreland Road	1801	1872	F	5000	700	...	750	460
244	North Shields—Howard Street	1662	1873	F	3000	...	...	600	400
245	„ —Northumberland Square	1779	1882	F	3700	400	...	618	410
246	Seaham ...	1881	1882	L 71	2000	430	...	310	165
247	Seaton Burn ...	1873	1874	L 62	800	...	...	250	70
248	Seaton Delaval ...	1845	1857	F	1000	...	...	400	183
249	South Shields—Laygate	1849	1862	F	3550	...	...	500	free
250	„ —Mile End Road ...	1758	1867	F	2500	...	...	520	220
251	„ —St. John's ...	1694	1870	F	4000	...	...	630	350
252	„ —St. Paul's ...	1778	1884	F	2300	550	246
	Carried forward	88625	7633	...	16129	7674

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

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							1887.	1886.												
153	67	207	271	320	199	369	4768	4720	69	229	54	264	348	566	6124	2328	434	624		
...	...	15	13	30	8	...	74	39	...	3	...	...	30	17	145	...	20	...	212
6	...	24	19	12	20	10	251	250	6	24	2	8	...	24	230	...	...	55	213
5	2	3	5	2	...	12	110	115	3	10	1	6	23	20	195	64	...	...	214
3	...	9	1	2	...	1	23	21	...	2	1	...	...	3	49	122	...	...	215
9	...	12	2	4	5	...	122	121	...	2	...	...	...	24	260	...	...	80	216
6	...	15	8	28	15	21	255	255	4	18	3	9	...	30	254	...	74	26	217	
2	...	8	6	7	2	4	87	80	1	6	1	5	...	13	150	...	...	8	218
4	...	16	2	...	...	1	82	81	...	14	...	4	...	28	204	239	29	...	219
7	5	...	11	6	12	9	175	179	5	8	2	23	...	31	316	530	27	25	220	
1	...	4	4	...	...	1	24	21	...	2	1	...	...	5	56	...	...	9	
196	74	313	342	411	261	428	5971	5882	88	318	65	319	401	761	7983	3283	584	827		
6	...	11	5	2	6	3	138	140	2	7	3	9	...	4	40	...	...	20	221
7	...	13	7	3	9	1	185	185	2	10	1	...	...	15	115	...	...	25	222
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	65	...	...	...	...	...	8	46	...	...	...	223
8	...	7	9	2	4	9	257	247	4	7	4	20	...	30	273	...	...	36	224
4	...	8	10	17	4	20	142	139	3	6	4	...	12	16	120	...	12	18	225	
9	...	9	9	8	9	6	163	161	...	13	6	...	...	4	36	140	...	20	226
5	1	7	8	18	2	...	53	52	...	4	...	...	...	16	97	...	...	...	227
8	10	...	32	15	11	27	387	378	10	21	5	...	...	23	214	...	21	...	228
10	6	...	57	22	16	18	315	270	4	18	6	6	...	29	298	...	26	35	229	
4	...	8	1	20	4	9	96	88	...	3	1	...	...	11	70	...	...	23	230
6	5	...	15	42	9	16	264	232	1	30	4	10	...	20	269	...	30	34	231	
8	...	12	8	14	16	15	216	225	4	8	5	...	...	15	130	...	...	15	232
8	...	15	6	...	2	2	127	125	5	14	2	...	...	12	127	...	...	20	233
13	...	12	41	9	28	20	516	514	4	28	4	...	...	49	539	...	30	35	234
6	...	12	25	27	7	...	141	96	2	13	...	...	...	23	223	...	37	68	235
14	...	11	27	47	36	14	535	511	7	29	5	4	...	56	455	...	...	50	236
15	...	20	26	33	22	29	585	577	7	11	8	...	25	68	756	...	...	40	237
10	...	15	10	12	22	10	200	226	2	14	2	6	...	29	256	...	28	29	238	
5	...	9	6	16	15	6	121	120	2	9	3	...	...	18	194	...	...	12	239
15	11	...	44	24	21	36	529	518	6	19	9	12	15	47	372	...	57	122	240	
9	...	15	18	9	6	20	304	302	4	17	8	9	10	17	97	...	50	...	241	
15	25	...	45	25	30	51	927	938	12	44	10	64	28	79	744	...	70	90	242	
15	...	28	28	58	9	47	586	556	...	31	2	18	17	64	729	...	...	...	243
12	12	...	10	13	11	26	325	339	3	17	11	9	25	25	213	304	26	21	244	
9	...	12	13	15	8	16	334	330	6	11	8	18	20	28	302	...	...	104	245
6	...	6	4	8	1	7	102	98	2	6	1	6	...	12	165	...	...	...	246
3	...	9	1	1	7	7	88	98	...	6	...	...	...	9	158	...	...	...	247
5	6	...	3	4	9	10	107	119	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	183	...	10	248
11	11	...	17	7	16	36	371	399	4	20	6	3	68	46	795	...	50	36	249	
8	...	15	9	10	6	19	213	219	1	4	7	...	20	26	318	...	25	28	250	
5	11	...	27	16	3	11	357	328	7	16	3	...	23	36	403	530	19	21	251	
12	...	12	7	8	...	...	295	298	6	20	4	20	...	30	424	...	25	55	252
271	98	266	528	505	357	501	9019	8595	110	461	137	214	263	865	8978	1157	506	967		

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Date.	Date of Minister's Settlement.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings let.
						Church.	Mause.		
	Brought forward	...	...	...	£	£	£
253	Stamfordham ...	1741	1884	L	88625	7633	...	16129	7674
254	Sunderland—Millfield ...	1885	1885	F	500	...	...	200	free
255	" —North Bridge Street	1777	1886	F	600	...	...	300	free
256	" —St. George's	1711	1886	C	1200	...	...	438	193
257	" —St. Stephen's	1827	1880	P	3000	...	...	650	610
258	" —Smyrna	1827	1880	P	2000	...	...	450	121
259	" —Trinity	1765	1835	C	1500	...	...	500	245
260	Swallowell ...	1821	1876	L	4500	†300	...	730	528
261	Walker ...	1733	vacant	F	1000	...	100	250	30
262	Walker ...	1842	1883	L 53	*2920	...	...	380	187
263	Wallsend ...	1846	1879	F	2000	1200	...	373	296
264	Wark ...	1790	1885	F	1800	...	...	180	120
264	Willington Quay	1865	1877	L 53	1800	13	...	354	100
					111455	9146	100	20934	10104
NORTHUMBERLAND.									
265	Alnwick—Clayport Street	1753	1851	F	1000	...	...	600	250
266	" —Lisburn Street	1837	1843	F	1000	...	...	380	139
267	" —St. James's	1689	1880	F	1600	...	...	450	400
268	Bavington	1672	1853	F	1200	...	...	230	135
269	Bedlington	1843	1885	F	650	...	...	170	90
270	Birdhopecraig	1672	1875	L 37	\$...	...	...	450	133
271	Branton	1701	1835	F	1050	...	...	500	275
272	Embleton	1833	1880	L 7	...	...	...	340	200
273	Felton	1819	1881	L 31	\$...	...	100	300	137
274	Glanston	1783	1865	F	1150	...	...	410	293
275	Harbottle	1713	1871	F	400	...	...	450	214
276	Longframlington...	1662	1862	F	...	...	...	200	49
277	Morpeth	1693	1883	F	3550	...	...	850	448
278	Newbiggin	1863	1885	F	...	...	...	250	96
279	North Middleton	1817	1872	L 926	700	...	...	240	113
280	North Sunderland	1808	1870	C	600	...	...	360	200
281	Otterburn	1831	1872	F	600	85	5	155	117
282	Thropton	1799	1849	F	800	...	...	300	138
283	Warenford	1751	1867	P	...	...	...	300	136
284	Warkworth	1826	1871	F	800	...	...	300	186
285	Widdrington	1765	1845	F	700	...	...	300	140
286	Wooler—Cheviot Street	1702	1833	F	1000	...	...	420	324
287	" —Tower Hill	1764	1884	†L	1400	...	...	420	110
288	" —West Chapel...	1729	vacant	F	700	...	...	560	272
					18900	85	105	8935	4595

(*) Exclusive of £1,000 insured on Mause.

(†) Debt on Organ.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Doreas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
							1887.	1886.											
271	98	266	528	505	357	501	9019	8595	110	461	137	214	263	865	8978	1157	506	967	
4	...	8	5	7	3	2	77	70	...	7	2	...	...	5	61	...	...	13	253
6	...	6	2	3	4	5	105	111	...	6	1	...	...	17	230	...	...	...	254
9	6	...	15	8	3	12	171	163	4	7	...	...	21	22	224	...	17	...	255
18	6	...	88	8	8	9	662	440	2	15	9	30	40	86	1123	...	63	180	256
13	...	6	3	...	...	10	128	134	2	8	2	...	12	15	207	...	33	12	257
4	...	17	8	4	4	9	220	221	...	11	3	...	30	23	298	...	...	20	258
10	...	15	12	22	2	24	384	374	5	21	10	14	54	40	365	...	66	54	259
5	...	9	5	...	2	23	50	70	...	2	3	...	...	13	113	...	...	20	260
6	...	11	5	10	8	9	185	187	...	16	3	...	...	44	353	...	...	23	261
6	...	18	12	13	11	1	196	183	1	7	...	...	20	25	312	...	25	14	262
4	...	4	8	6	2	1	121	110	2	5	1	...	...	11	109	...	...	25	263
3	...	12	1	7	13	9	116	130	1	9	2	1	...	20	205	...	12	20	264
359	110	372	692	593	417	615	11434	11086	127	575	173	259	440	1186	12578	1157	722	1348	
7	...	9	4	8	9	...	188	185	3	8	...	...	...	11	60	...	...	26	265
7	...	9	1	3	6	5	120	127	...	1	5	5	...	13	108	...	...	...	266
11	...	14	27	31	47	6	392	386	10	20	6	6	...	16	136	...	...	25	267
5	...	4	6	2	3	4	96	95	1	7	4	...	...	4	34	33	...	12	268
4	...	8	6	8	8	12	107	115	1	3	4	...	...	24	154	...	...	48	269
5	...	5	13	1	14	10	108	118	3	9	4	5	...	5	54	...	...	12	270
4	5	...	9	...	...	...	230	238	...	...	...	...	...	7	102	58	...	15	271
4	...	13	9	35	26	13	209	204	...	14	7	12	...	6	75	...	...	20	272
3	...	9	8	12	12	4	137	133	2	13	1	...	...	9	78	...	...	7	273
6	5	...	10	28	23	12	232	230	3	37	9	12	...	13	117	...	...	13	274
5	...	9	12	5	8	3	221	215	...	18	1	10	...	9	50	...	...	10	275
2	...	7	1	2	2	4	53	56	...	7	2	3	...	8	84	...	...	...	276
9	7	...	13	15	11	21	313	317	2	16	5	13	30	35	370	210	...	21	277
6	1	...	8	1	19	6	100	118	1	4	3	...	...	5	40	...	...	23	278
6	6	...	6	7	...	8	95	90	...	8	3	...	...	3	28	...	...	...	279
8	...	16	7	25	28	1	229	226	1	12	1	15	...	5	50	...	...	5	280
4	...	13	4	1	6	3	104	107	4	9	2	...	...	4	40	...	...	1	281
3	...	2	1	7	8	8	129	137	...	4	3	...	...	5	50	...	...	...	282
7	3	1	...	10	35	2	173	200	...	8	2	12	...	4	39	...	16	16	283
4	...	12	7	22	23	9	203	206	4	14	4	...	...	6	51	...	...	13	284
3	5	...	6	...	...	...	120	155	5	13	...	...	...	5	60	...	...	...	285
7	...	17	9	40	24	8	332	315	2	18	6	...	...	13	108	...	...	21	286
6	...	10	...	13	16	4	135	142	1	8	4	...	...	5	40	...	...	18	287
6	13	...	9	29	38	15	245	260	2	14	3	5	...	12	95	95	...	23	288
132	45	158	176	305	366	158	4271	4375	45	65	79	98	30	227	2023	396	16	329	

(†) Manse Freehold.

(\$) £500 insured on Manse.

SUMMARY.—I. CONGREGATIONAL.

CHURCHES.										OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES. &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.					
PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Congregations.	Amount Insured.	DEBT.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings etc.	Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificate.	No. Removed by Certificate.	Number Lapsed, &c.	Number on last Revised Roll.		District Visitors.	Members of Morcas Society.	Sabbath Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.					
			Church.	Manse.										1887.	1886.												
Berwick ...	15	20550	£ 44	£ 930	7106	3659	98	33	101	138	348	416	172	3865	3990	105	149	173	1642	351	26	390					
Birmingham...	15	50450	4648	...	7864	1678	62	7	149	100	104	84	126	1629	1641	122	182	318	3151	...	239	221					
Bristol ...	9	43100	2783	750	5698	1933	43	4	95	158	143	78	87	1627	1499	76	203	216	2283	...	178	863					
Carlisle ...	14	17310	88	403	4826	1800	76	17	118	82	111	96	134	2049	2085	77	133	315	2678	...	60	351					
Darlington ...	19	56400	9842	...	9780	2026	111	45	139	177	163	174	155	3037	3053	98	142	475	4898	...	299	315					
Liverpool ...	34	163040	4532	350	21489	10121	232	64	353	491	522	413	459	10404	10358	456	1109	1360	15673	1929	748	1476					
London ...	84	386911	48221	5440	47707	20201	478	200	591	1255	1491	912	1324	18279	17812	569	1857	2237	24342	153	1879	2338					
Manchester ...	50	110515	5649	...	16306	6707	196	74	313	342	411	261	428	5971	5882	88	318	65	7983	3283	584	827					
Newcastle ...	44	111455	9146	100	20934	1014	359	110	372	692	593	417	615	11434	11086	259	440	1186	12578	1157	722	1348					
Northumberland	24	18900	85	105	8035	595	132	45	158	176	305	366	158	4271	4375	98	30	227	2023	396	16	329					
	288	978631	85039	8087	150645	62824	1787	599	2389	3611	4191	3217	3658	62566	61781	2179	4646	7268	77251	7269	4751	7967					

TABLES
OF
GENERAL STATISTICS.

PART II.
FINANCIAL.

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.			Synod Fund.			Sustentation Fund Almsgiving.		
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor and Congregational Missions, &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.														
	PRESBYTERIES.																	
	BERWICK.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Ancroft Moor	36	6	44	...	86	20	106	*155	80	0	0	1	10	0	...	...	...
2	Beaumont	122	13	27	2	164	17	181	*200	135	0	0	3	14	6	...	...	...
3	Belford	87	8	43	7	145	...	145	*182	112	0	0	3	2	0	...	...	...
4	Berwick—Bank Hill ...	91	17	139	7	254	20	274	*200	200	0	0	3	16	6	...	...	...
5	—Church Street...	Free	...	260	56	316	120	436	225	...	...	...	4	14	0	...	...	...
6	—Wallace Green ..	449	...	325	741	1515	...	1515	*500	55	13	0	15	5	0	55	13	0
7	Chatton	94	20	62	...	176	...	176	*200	160	0	0	3	6	6	...	...	...
9	Crookham	66	2	39	1	108	56	164	*155	90	0	5	1	17	6	...	...	...
8	Etal... ..	84	15	36	13	148	53	201	*200	120	0	0	2	12	0	...	...	...
10	Horncliffe	61	7	50	...	118	...	118	*200	105	0	0	2	4	6	...	...	...
11	Lowick	59	23	34	...	116	1	117	*185	105	0	0	2	4	6	...	...	...
12	Norham—North	66	20	41	...	127	...	127	*200	108	0	0	2	4	6	...	...	...
13	—South	59	10	54	...	123	...	123	*200	105	0	0	1	17	6	...	...	...
14	Spittal	106	...	120	22	248	...	248	*160	...	...	...	4	7	0	...	...	...
15	Tweedmouth	64	10	58	...	132	...	132	*200	110	0	0	2	13	6	...	...	...
	One Preaching Station ...	...	...	80	...	80	...	80	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		1444	151	1412	819	3856	287	4143	3242	1485	13	5	55	9	6	55	13	0
	BIRMINGHAM.																	
16	Birmingham—Broad Street	56	30	113	9	208	...	208	200	202	10	0	3	9	6	2	10	0
17	—Camp Hill...	98	44	257	48	447	...	447	200	200	0	0	4	0	6	...	...	...
18	—New John St.	45	49	91	11	196	46	242	200	130	0	0	2	1	0	...	...	...
19	—Smethwick...	Free	16	110	14	140	43	183	155	80	11	6	2	1	0	...	...	...
20	Burton-on-Trent	65	...	189	35	289	17	306	200	...	...	...	2	10	0	...	...	...
21	Derby	54	39	175	3	271	...	271	200	160	0	0	2	10	0	...	...	...
22	Dudley	20	8	112	8	148	...	148	155	80	0	0	2	1	0	...	...	...
23	Hanley	64	8	165	36	273	35	308	*200	151	0	0	2	10	0	...	...	...
24	Leicester	90	27	115	...	232	78	310	200	134	0	0	2	10	0	...	...	...
25	Nottingham	174	85	297	221	777	...	777	350	215	0	0	4	7	0	15	0	0
26	Shrewsbury	Free	26	112	7	145	36	181	155	95	0	0	2	1	0	...	...	...
27	Stafford	38	4	156	5	203	3	206	*200	161	1	4	2	10	0	7	5	11
28	Walsall	37	23	266	8	334	...	334	200	...	...	...	2	1	0	...	...	...
29	Wolverhampton	131	29	229	9	398	112	510	*300	157	10	0	4	7	0	7	10	0
30	Worcester	69	16	106	2	193	16	209	200	125	10	0	2	1	0	...	...	...
		941	104	2493	416	4254	386	4640	3115	1895	2	10	41	0	0	32	5	11
	BRISTOL.																	
31	Aberdare	20	38	172	9	239	...	239	200	125	0	0	2	2	6	...	...	...
32	Bristol	226	...	229	83	538	449	987	400	14	0	0	6	5	0	14	0	0
33	Cardiff	309	69	249	134	761	844	1605	*400	250	0	0	6	5	0	50	0	0
34	Cheltenham	158	3	275	231	667	104	771	*350	225	0	0	6	5	0	25	0	0
35	Gloucester	83	49	221	26	379	181	560	*250	210	0	0	4	15	0	10	0	0
36	Plymouth	149	17	185	29	380	...	380	400	210	0	0	5	5	0	10	0	0
37	Swansea	104	78	466	44	692	...	692	300	205	0	0	4	15	0	5	0	0
38	Swindon	39	31	111	26	207	112	319	200	132	10	0	2	2	6	...	...	...
39	Torquay	174	165	226	359	924	166	1090	350	220	0	0	6	5	0	20	0	0
		1262	450	2134	941	4787	1856	6613	2850	1591	10	0	44	0	0	134	0	0

(*) Manse.

(†) For three quarters only; now free.

FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.												GRAND TOTAL.				No.
Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.		Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.		College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		1887.		1886.				
								1887.	1886.							
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
0 8 0	1 5 11	0 8 0	0 7 6	0 12 0	0 7 6	3 8 11	3 4 11	109 8 11	174 4 11	1						
3 1 0	3 10 4	...	...	...	...	7 1 4	8 8 5	188 1 4	181 8 5	2		
0 7 7	2 1 5	...	...	0 11 10	0 9 11	3 10 9	4 15 11	148 10 9	164 15 11	3				
1 0 0	8 17 6	1 10 0	...	1 10 0	...	12 17 6	11 18 2	286 17 6	247 18 2	4						
1 6 6	13 2 3	2 2 0	1 1 0	2 0 0	1 1 0	20 12 9	12 14 6	456 12 9	558 14 6	5						
50 0 0	374 18 7	10 0 0	10 0 0	12 15 9	7 13 4	521 0 8	252 9 8	2036 0 8	1613 9 8	6						
1 0 0	2 0 0	1 0 0	...	0 10 0	...	4 10 0	4 10 0	180 10 0	183 10 0	7						
0 3 0	1 16 2	0 9 9	0 5 6	0 8 6	0 9 0	3 11 11	3 15 9	167 11 11	156 15 9	8						
0 2 6	3 13 8	...	...	...	...	3 16 2	1 0 0	204 16 2	146 0 0	9		
0 3 9	0 8 2	...	...	0 5 2	0 13 6	1 10 7	1 17 3	119 10 7	118 17 3	10				
0 5 0	0 4 0	...	...	...	...	0 9 0	0 9 10	117 9 0	121 9 10	11		
0 15 0	3 4 4	...	...	...	...	3 19 4	5 0 11	130 19 4	152 0 11	12		
1 0 0	2 0 0	0 10 0	...	0 7 0	0 6 8	4 3 8	5 1 6	127 3 8	129 1 6	13						
2 0 0	6 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	11 0 0	10 0 0	259 0 0	314 0 0	14						
...	0 6 0	...	0 7 0	0 5 0	0 7 0	1 5 0	0 14 0	133 5 0	126 14 0	15						
...	0 10 0	...	...	...	...	0 10 0	1 0 0	80 10 0	87 0 0			
61 12 4	423 18 4	16 19 9	13 1 0	19 5 3	12 17 11	603 7 7	327 0 10	4746 7 7	4476 0 10							
...	8 16 6	...	...	...	...	11 6 6	15 0 0	219 6 6	343 0 0	16		
2 10 0	2 16 7	1 5 0	1 5 0	1 5 0	1 5 0	10 6 7	20 18 8	457 6 7	404 18 8	17						
1 10 0	14 2 8	1 1 0	0 17 0	1 5 0	...	18 15 8	18 13 11	260 15 8	274 13 11	18						
1 6 3	4 12 6	...	...	...	...	5 18 9	4 12 6	188 18 9	136 12 6	19		
1 0 2	4 4 2	...	...	...	...	5 4 4	10 16 6	311 4 4	298 16 6	20		
...	4 14 2	...	...	...	...	4 14 2	2 0 0	275 14 2	314 0 0	21		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 0 3	148 0 0	185 0 3	22
...	12 13 3	...	...	1 10 0	...	14 3 3	25 13 9	322 3 3	291 13 9	23				
1 0 0	5 0 0	...	...	...	...	6 0 0	5 9 6	316 0 0	281 9 6	24		
5 0 0	43 18 3	2 19 0	1 11 0	2 19 0	...	71 7 3	71 12 0	848 7 3	1050 12 0	25						
1 0 0	3 12 11	...	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 7 1	6 0 0	7 8 8	187 0 0	173 8 8	26						
0 10 6	5 0 0	...	...	0 10 6	...	13 6 11	9 1 10	219 6 11	238 1 10	27				
2 10 0	5 13 6	...	...	...	...	8 3 6	11 15 6	342 3 6	359 15 6	28		
5 0 0	8 0 0	2 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	27 10 0	31 15 0	537 10 0	411 15 0	29						
0 10 0	9 15 11	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 15 0	1 0 0	13 0 11	12 8 9	222 0 11	291 8 9	30						
21 16 11	133 0 5	7 15 0	5 13 0	10 14 6	4 12 1	215 17 10	251 6 10	4855 17 10	5055 6 10							
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	239 0 0	281 0 0	31
5 0 0	39 7 11	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	0 15 0	62 5 11	65 11 11	1049 5 11	717 11 11	32						
5 0 0	48 16 4	3 0 0	2 0 0	11 0 0	2 0 0	121 16 4	127 6 9	1726 16 4	969 6 9	33						
...	37 0 9	4 1 7	1 13 6	6 5 0	...	74 0 10	86 9 11	845 0 10	1443 9 11	34						
2 11 8	24 18 6	0 10 0	...	2 8 0	...	40 8 2	41 9 10	600 8 2	479 9 10	35						
...	6 18 0	...	...	...	...	16 18 0	14 5 0	396 18 0	799 5 0	36		
6 0 0	35 0 0	2 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	51 0 0	49 5 10	743 0 0	994 5 10	37						
1 15 0	3 3 0	1 7 0	...	0 15 0	0 5 0	7 5 0	4 0 0	326 5 0	491 0 0	38						
6 2 6	16 9 7	...	2 3 7	5 8 5	...	50 4 1	230 3 3	1140 4 1	1281 3 3	39						
26 9 2	211 14 1	11 19 7	7 18 1	27 17 5	4 0 0	423 18 4	618 12 6	7066 18 4	7455 12 6							

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.								Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Poor and Congregational Missions, &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.									
	CARLISLE.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
40	Bewcastle ...	Free	62	41	...	103	...	103	*155	100 0 0	1 4 3	...	...
41	Brampton ...	27	8	50	...	85	...	85	155	70 10 0	1 9 3	...	...
42	Carlisle—Fisher Street	181	...	334	137	652	43	695	*350	262 11 8	7 10 0	62 11 8	...
43	„ —Warwick Road	Free	...	319	50	369	597	966	*240	210 0 0	4 16 2	10 0 0	...
44	Cleator Moor ...	48	22	114	4	188	30	218	200	160 0 0	2 2 9	...	...
45	Haltwhistle ...	1	6	115	...	122	5	127	*155	14 17 3	0 19 7	...	...
46	Harrington ...	81	38	124	3	246	129	375	212	200 0 0	3 1 8	...	...
47	Maryport—Crosby Street	74	31	81	17	203	31	234	200	140 0 0	2 8 6	...	...
48	„ —John Street	45	29	65	4	143	...	143	*155	114 11 5	1 19 6	...	...
49	Penrith ...	31	27	155	7	220	17	237	200	155 0 0	1 17 11	...	...
50	Silloth ...	Free	34	65	3	102	...	102	185	80 0 0	1 6 5	...	...
51	Whitehaven—High Street	37	28	95	...	160	...	160	200	120 0 0	2 0 7	...	...
52	„ —Market Place	129	3	188	23	343	41	384	*230	210 0 0	4 1 2	10 0 0	...
53	Workington ...	84	22	201	29	336	...	336	212	212 8 7	3 2 5	12 8 7	...
	Two Preaching Stations	Free	12	202	19	233	50	283	200	...	...	...	...
		738	322	2149	296	3505	943	4445	3049	2049 18 11	38 0 2	95 0 3	...
	DARLINGTON.												
54	Bishop Auckland ...	Free	107	46	...	153	...	153	*200	170 0 0	2 8 6	37 10 0	...
55	Crook ...	Free	56	88	...	144	30	174	*200	113 15 0	1 15 0	...	...
56	Darlington...	98	59	111	91	359	...	359	200	201 0 9	4 0 0	1 0 9	...
57	Grimsby ...	44	25	186	6	261	104	365	200	155 0 0	3 8 0	...	...
58	Harrogate ...	42	16	178	...	236	...	236	200	95 1 0	2 5 0	...	...
59	Hartlepool ...	63	50	228	...	341	1	342	200	155 0 0	3 12 6	...	...
60	Hull—Holderness Road	Free	31	245	6	282	...	282	200	150 0 0	3 1 0	...	...
61	„ —Prospect Street	Free	...	735	243	978	264	1242	*509	244 12 0	11 6 0	44 12 0	...
62	„ —Spring Bank	Free	84	145	2	231	32	263	*200	125 0 0	3 1 0	...	...
63	Middlesbro'—Newport Rd.	38	42	215	3	298	...	298	*200	166 13 4	2 15 6	...	...
64	„ —Trinity	75	55	161	29	320	18	338	200	200 0 0	3 9 0	...	...
65	Mount Pleasant	38	27	100	14	179	54	233	*200	130 0 0	2 3 0	...	...
66	Redcar ...	63	38	132	...	233	...	233	200	171 0 0	2 1 0	...	...
67	Stockton—St. Andrew's	126	105	96	35	362	93	455	*250	210 0 0	4 11 0	10 0 0	...
68	„ —St. George's	76	31	152	17	276	5	281	200	200 0 0	3 4 0	...	...
69	Tow Law ...	Free	34	68	5	107	...	107	*155	80 0 0	1 10 0	...	...
70	West Hartlepool ...	86	36	195	50	367	122	489	200	220 0 0	3 18 6	20 0 0	...
71	Whitby ...	28	17	140	13	198	...	198	155	80 0 0	2 14 6	...	...
72	York ...	46	32	224	5	307	...	307	200	...	2 14 6	...	...
	One Preaching Station	...	...	103	...	103	...	103	...	...	...	...	...
		823	845	3548	519	5735	723	6458	4069	2867 2 1	63 18 0	113 2 9	...
	LIVERPOOL.												
73	Barrow-in-Furness	140	...	180	76	396	...	396	250	...	2 5 0	...	...
74	Birkenhead—Egremont	367	...	355	430	1152	...	1152	500	261 13 6	12 7 0	61 13 6	...
75	„ —Grange Road	412	...	329	430	1171	100	1271	600	75 15 0	13 5 0	75 15 0	...
76	„ —Hamilton	93	42	139	30	304	127	431	*205	202 10 0	1 10 0	2 10 0	...
77	„ —Rock Ferry	225	100	208	313	846	15	861	405	207 10 0	10 0 0	7 10 0	...
78	„ —St. Andrew's	229	82	273	34	618	206	824	500	225 0 0	10 0 0	25 0 0	...
79	„ —St. Paul's	196	...	268	137	601	10	611	326	200 0 0	3 8 0	...	...
80	„ —Trinity	663	...	331	607	1601	106	1707	700	426 0 0	18 7 6	226 0 0	...
81	„ —West Kirby	Free	...	340	28	368	347	715	200	...	1 0 0	...	...
82	Bootle—Peel Road	233	...	206	11	450	32	482	350	...	2 0 0	...	...
83	„ —Trinity	541	...	355	276	1172	1716	2888	600	10 18 0	12 0 0	10 18 0	...
	Carried forward	099	224	2984	2372	8679	2659	11338	4636	1809 6 6	86 2 6	409 6 6	...

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.

Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
						1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
0 10 0	3 3 0	...	...	...	...	3 13 0	1 3 7	106 13 0	104 3 7	40
0 10 0	1 16 4	...	...	0 10 0	...	2 16 4	3 0 4	87 16 4	111 0 4	41
22 0 0	100 0 0	12 0 9	7 0 0	10 0 0	4 19 0	218 10 8	137 4 6	913 10 8	1014 4 6	42
6 19 0	20 17 5	5 0 8	1 0 0	2 18 7	1 0 0	47 15 8	45 17 2	1013 15 8	523 17 2	43
...	6 8 5	...	...	...	...	6 8 5	4 7 6	224 8 5	186 7 6	44
...	...	...	...	1 2 0	...	1 2 0	1 0 0	128 2 0	88 0 0	45
...	1 2 0	...	...	0 9 0	...	1 11 0	3 7 8	376 11 0	244 7 8	46
1 0 0	6 16 6	...	...	1 0 0	...	8 16 6	8 3 0	242 16 6	216 3 0	47
1 13 9	4 13 10	...	...	...	...	6 7 7	9 7 4	149 7 7	152 7 4	48
1 10 0	10 12 3	1 8 9	1 8 3	0 16 6	0 19 0	16 14 9	18 14 4	253 14 9	232 14 4	49
1 5 0	0 14 0	...	...	...	...	1 19 0	1 4 1	103 19 0	100 4 1	50
...	1 12 0	...	...	...	...	1 12 0	2 8 0	161 12 0	145 8 0	51
3 4 11	23 16 3	4 9 0	...	1 12 8	0 16 4	43 19 2	42 10 2	427 19 2	364 10 2	52
...	7 2 2	...	...	...	...	19 10 9	17 4 6	355 10 9	264 4 6	53
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 0 11	283 0 0	182 0 11	
38 12 8	188 14 2	22 18 5	9 8 3	18 8 9	7 14 4	380 16 10	300 13 1	4828 16 10	3929 13 1	
...	2 3 0	...	...	...	...	39 13 0	2 9 3	192 13 0	221 9 3	54
0 15 0	1 17 0	...	1 1 0	1 8 0	1 0 0	6 1 0	1 15 0	180 1 0	154 15 0	55
3 2 0	17 7 5	2 2 0	0 8 0	1 3 0	1 2 6	26 5 8	14 4 10	385 5 8	355 4 10	56
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14 8 3	365 0 0	323 8 3	57
...	1 9 3	...	...	...	...	1 9 3	7 6 4	237 9 3	309 6 4	58
2 0 0	2 0 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	5 0 0	8 13 6	347 0 0	317 13 6	59
...	2 13 6	0 9 7	...	...	0 6 7	3 9 8	0 7 0	285 9 8	240 7 0	60
8 7 2	385 16 0	13 4 6	8 9 7	8 14 8	3 6 5	472 10 4	358 1 9	1714 10 4	1594 1 9	61
1 6 0	2 15 5	...	...	1 0 0	...	5 1 5	7 11 0	268 1 5	311 11 0	62
0 10 0	9 5 4	0 10 0	0 13 8	0 11 10	1 3 0	12 13 10	16 1 11	310 13 10	235 1 11	63
2 16 0	8 18 9	...	...	1 8 9	...	13 3 6	11 14 9	351 3 6	327 14 9	64
0 10 9	7 6 3	...	...	1 1 0	...	8 17 3	12 12 9	241 17 3	186 12 9	65
...	4 13 6	...	...	...	...	4 13 6	6 14 6	237 13 6	293 14 6	66
8 1 0	2 4 4	4 4 3	2 7 10	2 7 9	2 16 4	32 1 6	41 14 1	487 1 6	401 14 1	67
2 0 0	3 0 10	...	...	...	...	5 0 10	4 18 0	286 0 10	374 18 0	68
0 13 8	3 14 4	...	...	0 15 7	...	5 3 7	7 10 10	112 3 7	117 10 10	69
3 0 0	1 17 6	...	...	2 10 0	...	27 7 6	9 16 0	516 7 6	340 16 0	70
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 5 6	198 0 0	1565 5 6	71
...	7 10 0	...	...	...	...	7 10 0	7 0 0	314 10 0	252 0 0	72
0 17 7	...	...	...	...	...	0 17 7	1 1 4	103 17 7	120 1 4	
33 18 5	464 12 5	20 10 4	13 0 1	22 0 7	9 14 10	676 19 5	535 6 7	7134 19 5	8043 6 7	
1 0 0	19 10 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	22 10 0	18 10 0	418 10 0	394 10 0	73
8 6 10	29 14 4	...	...	16 4 3	...	109 18 11	114 13 8	1261 18 11	1644 13 8	74
11 0 0	105 5 7	5 11 0	5 6 0	5 0 0	2 0 0	209 17 7	182 6 3	1480 17 7	1499 6 3	75
0 15 0	16 17 8	1 15 0	1 5 0	...	1 9 0	24 2 8	23 8 8	455 2 8	595 8 8	76
4 0 0	46 14 8	16 7 4	0 11 0	2 1 2	1 3 6	78 7 8	76 19 11	939 7 8	994 19 11	77
...	6 17 1	0 14 7	5 13 1	3 9 0	2 3 3	43 17 0	48 1 2	867 17 0	650 1 2	78
...	13 17 2	2 0 0	...	...	...	15 17 2	10 18 7	626 17 2	718 18 7	79
63 0 3	209 9 6	10 19 0	13 11 6	52 0 10	5 6 2	580 7 3	518 15 0	2287 7 3	1984 15 0	80
...	24 11 2	...	...	...	...	24 11 2	11 4 7	739 11 2	280 4 7	81
1 0 0	1 10 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	3 10 0	7 10 0	485 10 0	448 10 0	82
4 7 0	22 15 8	...	...	4 0 0	...	42 0 8	57 14 1	2930 0 8	1191 14 1	83
93 9 1	497 2 10	39 6 11	27 6 7	76 15 3	11 12 11	1155 0 1	1070 1 11	12493 0 1	110403 1 11	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.										Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.			
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Poor and Congregational Missions, &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.									
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.														
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward ...	3099	224	2384	2372	8679	2659	11338	4636	1809	6	6	86	2	6	409	6	6
84	Chester—Chester ...	54	15	100	19	188	6	194	180	100	0	0	1	0	0	...		
85	" —Parkgate ...	Free	160	96	...	256	22	278	200	205	0	0	1	13	0	5	0	0
86	" —Sutton ...	37	48	41	1	127	...	127	150	120	0	0	0	18	6	...		
87	Isle of Man—Douglas ...	92	45	237	44	418	6	424	a*240	200	0	0	2	5	0	...		
88	" —Ramsey ...	23	23	113	6	165	5	170	200	120	0	0	1	0	0	...		
89	Liverpool—Canning Street	411	200	298	578	1487	...	1487	†722	265	9	4	17	12	0	65	9	4
90	" —Everton Valley ...	380	...	328	168	876	340	1216	550	223	12	5	11	17	0	23	12	5
91	" —Fairfield ...	359	104	358	36	857	384	1241	600	260	0	0	13	12	0	60	0	0
92	" —Islington ...	341	30	190	58	619	160	779	*400	250	0	0	13	12	0	50	0	0
93	" —Mount Pleasant ...	300	...	413	508	1221	...	1221	500	62	0	0	11	0	0	62	0	0
94	" —Prince's Road ...	225	66	196	38	525	76	601	400	200	0	0	5	3	0	...		
95	" —Queen's Road ...	195	39	287	55	576	11	587	350	207	10	0	9	0	0	7	10	0
96	" —St. George's ...	401	84	244	97	826	770	1596	600	215	0	0	12	10	0	15	0	0
97	" —St. Peter's ...	105	44	136	98	383	107	490	300	200	0	0	4	5	0	...		
98	" —Sefton Park ...	910	200	540	1070	2720	691	3411	1000	530	14	3	24	10	0	330	14	3
99	" —Shaw Street ...	105	46	182	10	343	...	343	250	200	0	0	2	5	0	...		
100	" —Trinity ...	171	130	204	185	690	...	690	400	247	18	3	7	0	6	47	18	3
101	" —Union ...	Free	189	233	7	429	162	591	300	200	0	0	4	5	0	...		
102	" —Vauxhall Road ...	Free	34	89	3	126	...	126	200	119	1	0	0	10	0	...		
103	" —Walton ...	Free	...	316	45	361	...	361	250	...			1	10	0	...		
104	" —Waterloo ...	262	53	254	43	612	700	1312	400	220	0	0	4	17	6	20	0	0
105	St. Helen's ...	76	47	243	44	410	165	575	*235	205	0	0	1	10	0	5	0	0
106	Southport ...	165	87	331	15	598	288	886	400	205	0	0	6	5	0	5	0	0
	LONDON.	7711	1868	8413	5500	23492	6552	30044	13463	6165	11	9	244	3	0	1106	10	9
107	Aldershot ...	Free	122	64	42	228	...	228	*200	127	16	11	2	2	0	...		
108	Aston Tyrrold ...	Free	44	88	14	146	14	160	*155	80	0	0	1	10	0	...		
109	Bournemouth ...	202	126	512	151	991	2000	2991	*400	230	0	0	8	0	0	30	0	0
110	Brighton—Queen's Road...	413	4	215	116	748	211	959	*350	250	0	0	6	15	0	50	0	0
111	" —Trinity ...	200	200	200	100	700	...	700	500	220	0	0	6	15	0	20	0	0
112	Canterbury ...	31	9	127	2	169	20	189	243	36	16	4	1	10	0	...		
113	Chatham ...	27	9	167	25	228	...	228	200	145	3	2	2	2	0	5	11	11
114	Croydon ...	161	200	481	232	1074	100	1174	500	220	0	0	7	10	0	20	0	0
115	Darenth ...	20	...	37	...	57	...	57	*110	100	0	0	1	10	0	...		
116	Eastbourne ..	345	...	664	286	1295	150	1445	700	220	0	0	12	0	0	20	0	0
117	Edenbridge ..	22	150	28	...	200	...	200	200	156	3	10	2	0	0	3	15	0
118	Gravesend ...	123	27	162	10	322	...	322	250	167	12	10	4	0	0	...		
119	Guernsey ...	23	38	90	...	151	111	262	198	118	12	7	1	10	0	...		
120	Holybourne ...	Free	116	33	...	149	...	149	200	133	13	0	2	0	0	...		
121	Ipswich ...	155	73	182	82	492	28	520	300	210	0	0	5	0	0	10	0	0
122	Jersey ...	245	49	222	56	572	100	672	371	220	0	0	6	0	0	20	0	0
123	Lewes ...	31	27	129	20	207	...	207	*200	155	0	0	2	0	0	...		
124	London—Belgrave ...	374	149	726	467	1716	208	1924	800	212	0	0	14	0	0	12	0	0
125	" —Bermondsey ...	74	11	148	6	239	170	409	175	...			1	1	0	...		
126	" —Blackheath ...	143	...	245	14	402	1114	1516	400	5	0	0	3	10	0	5	0	0
127	" —Bow Road ...	59	33	315	14	421	61	482	250	...			1	1	0	...		
128	" —Brookley ...	203	190	503	142	1038	993	2031	500	205	0	0	8	10	0	5	0	0
129	" —Brondesbury ...	75	...	311	8	394	728	1122	300	...			...			...
130	" —Camberwell ...	360	72	382	84	898	97	995	500	220	0	0	10	0	0	20	0	0
131	" —Camden Road ...	375	200	387	383	1345	258	1603	600	233	0	0	13	0	0	33	0	0
132	" —Canonbury ...	91	60	131	...	282	17	299	*200	150	0	0	3	0	0	...		
133	" —Clapham Road...	821	200	598	1080	2699	...	2699	1000	600	0	0	31	10	0	400	0	0
134	" —Clapton...	141	37	160	51	389	1124	1513	250	205	0	0	4	10	0	5	0	0
	Carried forward ...	4714	2116	7307	3385	17552	7504	25056	10052	4620	18	8	162	6	0	659	6	11

(°) Manse.

(†) Manse Capital Fund.

(a) Including £55 allowance to retired Minister.

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.																								GRAND TOTAL.				No.				
Home Mission.			Foreign Missions.			Jewish Mission.			Continental Missions.			College.			Instruction of Youth.			TOTAL.				1887.		1886.								
																		TOTAL.														
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
93	9	1	497	2	10	39	6	11	27	6	7	76	15	3	11	12	11	1155	0	1	1070	1	11	12493	0	1	10403	1	11			
1	5	0	4	14	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	15	0	...	...	...	7	9	7	7	5	10	201	9	7	556	5	10	84		
1	5	0	102	10	0	6	10	0	1	10	0	3	10	0	...	...	...	120	5	0	194	18	3	398	5	0	552	18	3	85		
0	12	6	2	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	7	0	...	...	...	3	3	6	2	4	6	130	3	6	128	4	6	86		
...	...	...	2	6	11	0	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	16	11	9	9	3	431	16	11	670	9	3	87		
2	6	4	2	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	4	4	11	6	174	6	4	166	11	6	88		
20	5	11	126	15	5	6	11	0	10	12	9	7	16	5	10	0	0	247	10	10	223	1	1	1734	10	10	1833	1	1	89		
2	10	8	66	19	4	...	...	...	1	18	11	3	2	6	...	...	...	98	3	10	119	5	9	1314	3	10	1015	5	9	90		
9	0	0	47	18	5	7	1	6	7	0	0	5	6	9	4	10	0	140	16	8	328	5	8	1381	16	8	1337	5	8	91		
...	...	...	27	13	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	13	2	81	16	11	856	13	2	1171	6	11	92		
34	17	8	84	16	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	181	14	3	199	2	0	1402	14	3	1329	2	0	93		
1	0	0	9	9	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	14	19	0	16	1	7	615	19	0	600	1	7	94		
...	...	...	5	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	0	25	7	0	599	10	0	760	7	0	95		
8	12	0	10	4	1	3	10	0	3	14	0	3	10	0	...	...	...	44	10	1	62	13	4	1640	10	1	1049	13	4	96		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	0	490	0	0	465	0	0	97		
63	0	1	275	15	1	36	15	9	39	15	3	31	13	3	...	...	...	777	13	8	976	3	9	4188	13	8	3555	3	9	88		
1	10	0	9	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	15	0	12	6	1	353	15	0	378	16	1	89		
8	18	8	64	12	1	6	10	8	3	15	1	8	14	11	4	15	5	145	5	1	119	9	1	835	5	1	765	9	1	100		
1	2	9	0	12	11	0	13	7	...	...	...	0	7	6	2	0	6	2	19	3	4	2	7	593	19	3	458	2	7	101		
...	...	...	7	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	0	1	10	0	10	4	0	14	16	6	136	4	0	143	16	6	102		
2	2	0	14	10	10	...	...	...	1	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	13	10	25	5	5	378	13	10	344	5	5	103		
21	15	2	40	7	10	11	9	10	12	14	4	6	15	10	...	...	...	113	3	0	137	1	10	1425	3	0	777	1	10	104		
...	...	...	19	10	0	...	...	...	1	0	0	3	4	0	2	0	0	30	14	0	41	17	8	605	14	0	1139	17	8	105		
4	0	0	17	17	6	...	...	...	1	18	1	3	8	2	1	13	3	33	17	0	41	10	5	919	17	0	751	10	5	106		
277	12	10	1444	9	7	120	4	3	113	6	0	158	1	7	37	19	1	3258	4	1	3720	17	11	33302	4	1	30352	17	11			
...	...	...	12	18	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	18	8	12	4	10	240	18	8	515	4	10	107		
0	10	0	4	3	8	1	15	5	...	...	...	0	13	0	0	15	0	7	17	1	11	19	11	167	17	1	149	19	11	108		
...	...	...	60	18	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	7	11	3	0	6	102	7	1	46	14	4	3093	7	1	1068	14	4	109		
2	7	1	29	11	7	3	18	6	2	8	0	3	2	8	1	14	4	93	2	2	95	10	5	1052	2	2	793	10	5	110		
1	0	0	10	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	...	...	...	33	0	0	37	0	0	733	0	0	717	0	0	111		
...	...	...	3	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	1	2	10	4	192	7	1	139	10	4	112		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	11	11	10	0	0	233	11	11	287	0	0	113		
5	11	0	100	15	9	9	11	4	...	...	...	3	0	0	...	...	...	138	18	1	82	7	7	1312	18	1	1140	7	7	114		
0	9	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	9	0	0	12	3	57	9	0	119	12	3	115		
...	...	...	66	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0	...	...	...	92	8	8	93	16	9	1537	8	8	2141	16	9	116		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	0	8	17	11	204	5	0	267	17	11	117		
...	...	...	3	6	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	0	3	10	0	325	6	0	384	10	0	118		
1	4	0	5	5	2	1	6	5	...	...	...	1	0	6	...	...	...	8	16	1	7	14	6	270	16	1	309	14	6	119		
...	...	...	5	1	8	1	15	7	1	9	9	2	6	5	2	3	9	12	17	2	9	12	0	161	17	2	145	12	0	120		
5	10	0	44	0	0	1	5	0	1	3	5	18	0	0	1	5	0	81	3	5	59	9	11	601	3	5	731	9	11	121		
10	0	0	30	15	4	10	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	79	15	4	47	13	6	751	15	4	618	13	6	122		
...	...	...	30	16	6	3	11	1	...	...	...	2	8	10	...	...	...	36	16	5	44	2	3	243	16	5	249	2	3	123		
8	12	4	151	4	2	36	6	6	2	0	0	5	5	4	1	17	3	217	5	7	143	19	0	2141	5	7	2088	19	0	124		
...	...	...	2	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	9	1	...	...	...	411	9	1	153	0	0	125		
10	19	1	33	9	6	2	16	7	...	...	...	0	12	4	0	9	7	53	7	1	51	12	1	1569	7	1	1259	12	1	126		
2	5	0	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	5	0	5	13	10	488	5	0	192	13	10	127		
...	...	...	6	5	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	5	8	23	11	0	2042	5	8	1763	11	0	128		
...	...	...	1	17	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	0	...	...	...	1123	17	0	...	...	...	129		
...	...	...	29	9	7	4	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	17	1	38	1	10	1048	17	1	1710	1	10	130		
5	10	0	115	10	6	7	10	0	5	8	4	5	0	0	1	0	0	172	18	10	161	4	10	1775	18	10	1669	4	10	131		
...	...	...	17	10	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	10	11	15	8	5	316	10	11	502	8	5	132		
5	6	6	62	18	10	12	1	0	4	6	0	3	5	11	2	0	0	489	18	3	533	0	10	3188	18	3	3820	0	10	133		
...	...	...	31	6	8	2	10	0	...	...	...	3	0	0	...	...	...	41	16	8	45	12	3	1554	16	8	468	12	3	134		
59	4	0	863	10	8	899	4	11	20	15	6	68	2	11	15	5	5	1785	10	4	1592	0	7	26841	10	4	23408	0	7			

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.					
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.	Poor and Congregational Missions, &c.								
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward ...	4714	2146	7307	3385	17552	7504	25056	10052	4620 18 8	162 6 0	659 6 11	
135	London—College Park ...	Free	...	345	9	354	...	354	250	...	1 10 0	...	
136	" —Crouch Hill ...	522	...	354	340	1216	201	1417	600	77 18 3	10 10 0	77 18 3	
137	" —Ealing ...	94	104	103	30	331	371	702	250	210 0 0	3 3 0	10 0 0	
138	" —East Dulwich ...	50	...	236	6	292	50	342	300	...	1 1 0	...	
139	" —East India Dk. Rd. ...	64	29	136	7	236	...	236	200	180 0 0	3 3 0	...	
140	" —Forest Hill ...	392	200	407	185	1184	521	1705	*500	231 11 1	11 11 0	31 11 1	
141	" —Greenwich ...	266	134	321	165	886	137	1023	505	205 5 0	8 8 0	5 5 0	
142	" —Hammersmith ...	280	29	218	89	616	521	1137	400	210 0 0	7 0 0	10 0 0	
143	" —Hampstead ...	287	139	388	90	904	...	904	*a700	275 0 0	9 0 0	75 0 0	
144	" —Highbury ...	689	...	653	994	2336	...	2336	1000	151 8 3	22 0 0	151 8 3	
145	" —Highgate ...	b 26	...	b 75	...	101	...	101	vacant	...	...	...
146	" —Islington ...	650	36	371	441	1498	...	1498	800	277 2 11	15 15 0	77 2 11	
147	" —Kensington ...	430	200	532	313	1475	1128	2603	600	315 1 9	11 11 0	115 1 9	
148	" —Kentish Town ...	110	35	106	5	256	...	256	200	...	2 2 0	...	
149	" —Kingstn & Surbthn ...	91	51	162	3	307	1168	1475	230	200 0 0	2 10 0	...	
150	" —Marylebone ...	987	200	649	612	2448	127	2575	*1050	583 7 8	31 10 0	383 7 8	
151	" —Millwall ...	6	...	21	11	38	...	38	155	55 19 10	1 1 0	...	
152	" —New Barnet ...	102	...	280	56	438	...	438	282	205 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0	
153	" —Notting Hill ...	570	196	354	458	1578	...	1578	800	260 0 0	15 0 0	60 0 0	
154	" —Oxenden ...	170	57	360	37	624	174	798	350	200 0 0	4 10 0	...	
155	" —Putney ...	138	...	325	6	469	18	487	250	5 0 0	4 4 0	5 0 0	
156	" —Regent Square... ..	868	200	762	844	2674	130	2804	1200	735 15 4	31 10 0	535 15 4	
157	" —Richmond ...	175	108	166	26	475	1574	2049	300	200 0 0	4 4 0	...	
158	" —St. John's Wood ...	1228	...	711	1221	3160	686	3846	1200	507 18 6	31 10 0	507 18 6	
159	" —Silvertown ...	49	41	65	5	160	9	169	*200	140 0 0	1 10 0	...	
160	" —Somers Town ...	121	26	427	...	574	...	574	350	200 0 0	5 0 0	...	
161	" —South Hackney ...	Free	...	420	...	420	...	420	300	...	...	...
162	" —South Kensington ...	191	135	415	260	1001	...	1001	450	200 0 0	10 0 0	...	
163	" —Southwark ...	36	35	154	2	227	...	227	200	130 0 0	2 2 0	...	
164	" —Stepney ...	114	35	175	25	349	...	349	250	205 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0	
165	" —Stoke Newington ...	281	3	344	74	702	1	703	350	200 0 0	5 0 0	...	
166	" —Stratford ...	181	33	132	5	351	194	545	300	150 0 0	5 0 0	...	
167	" —Streatham ...	176	156	244	158	734	309	1043	400	210 0 0	5 5 0	10 0 0	
168	" —Tooting ...	44	10	72	9	135	...	135	*100	100 0 0	1 1 0	...	
169	" —Tottenham ...	178	137	138	184	637	135	772	*320	225 0 0	6 0 0	25 0 0	
170	" —Upper Norwood ...	330	200	325	136	991	585	1576	500	250 0 0	10 10 0	50 0 0	
171	" —Victoria Docks... ..	56	40	142	3	241	...	241	155	105 0 0	3 3 0	...	
172	" —Wandsworth ...	193	108	275	234	810	...	810	400	205 0 0	6 6 0	5 0 0	
173	" —Westbourne Grove ...	199	...	561	429	1189	276	1465	550	65 0 0	11 11 0	65 0 0	
174	" —Whitefield ...	25	12	51	2	90	4	91	200	...	1 1 0	...	
175	" —Wilkesden ...	466	121	286	235	1108	1125	2233	500	230 0 0	9 9 0	30 0 0	
176	" —Wimbledon ...	136	...	335	5	476	624	1100	400	127 10 6	3 0 0	5 0 0	
177	" —Wood Green ...	225	105	146	63	539	225	764	330	205 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	
178	" —Woolwich, New Rd ...	214	52	280	163	709	...	709	430	220 0 0	6 6 0	20 0 0	
179	" —St. Andrew's ...	190	67	305	80	642	42	684	400	220 0 0	6 6 0	20 0 0	
180	Norwich ...	181	68	188	62	499	368	867	*350	205 0 0	5 5 0	5 0 0	
181	Portsmouth ...	175	...	128	10	313	461	774	200	200 0 0	3 0 0	...	
182	Rangoon ...	Free	...	732	30	762	162	924	*425	...	...	...
183	Reading ...	130	20	98	28	276	1732	2008	265	...	2 2 0	...	
184	St. Leonard's—Silverhill ..	24	67	102	17	210	7	217	200	145 0 0	2 0 0	...	
185	" —Warrior Sq. ...	140	53	313	192	698	95	793	300	38 4 8	4 0 0	...	
186	Singapore ...	c 190	...	470	142	802	...	802	500	...	...	...
187	Southampton—St. Andrew ...	230	35	149	41	455	...	455	*300	82 10 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	
188	" —Totton ...	32	23	69	10	134	3	137	155	110 0 0	1 10 0	...	
189	" —Woolston ...	41	22	118	16	197	558	755	200	82 10 0	2 2 0	...	
	Carried forward ...	17457	5468	23001	11953	57879	21225	79104	32154	14085 12 5	537 8 0	2964 15 8	

(a) Including £200 allowance to retiring Minister.

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.																				GRAND TOTAL.										No.
Home Mission.			Foreign Mission.			Jewish Mission.			Continental Missions.			College.			Instruction of Youth.			TOTAL.						No.						
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.									
59	4	0	863	10	8	99	4	11	20	15	6	68	2	11	15	5	5	1785	10	4	1592	0	7	26841	10	4	23408	0	7	135
2	2	2	11	4	4	0	17	0	4	18	8	0	10	0	0	7	3	15	0	9	18	15	3	369	0	9	251	15	3	136
14	0	3	94	1	5	6	9	0	4	18	8	5	13	6	3	16	5	206	17	6	233	8	11	1623	17	6	2227	8	11	137
9	11	2	15	0	0	4	0	0	3	2	4	4	10	0	...	...	...	46	3	6	40	13	11	748	3	6	1147	13	11	138
...	...	...	2	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	3	0	0	344	0	0	211	0	0	139
1	0	0	10	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	...	...	...	12	0	0	7	10	0	248	0	0	279	10	0	140
8	0	0	47	0	0	8	1	0	6	0	0	12	0	0	6	0	0	118	12	1	82	11	10	1823	12	1	1420	11	10	141
4	14	1	26	14	1	19	2	11	...	...	...	4	9	4	1	1	0	61	6	5	73	9	8	1084	6	5	979	9	8	142
15	4	6	33	18	9	1	15	0	...	...	...	3	5	3	...	...	...	64	3	6	40	5	3	1201	3	6	1445	5	3	143
27	6	0	195	19	5	20	7	6	...	...	...	19	8	0	5	0	0	343	0	11	328	13	8	1247	0	11	1127	13	8	144
16	2	0	243	9	2	22	9	0	4	3	0	18	5	0	8	8	0	464	4	5	456	7	11	2800	4	5	2686	7	11	145
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	101	0	0	...	...	...	146
17	13	9	106	4	4	16	0	0	10	5	6	20	16	2	...	...	...	248	2	8	198	2	5	1746	2	8	2170	2	5	147
51	12	6	164	9	0	13	0	0	8	0	0	10	0	0	5	0	0	367	3	3	286	10	1	2970	3	3	1721	10	1	148
4	0	0	5	18	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	18	4	...	...	...	265	18	4	638	0	0	149
1	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	0	3	13	0	1476	10	0	460	13	0	150
47	3	2	193	6	7	33	4	6	12	16	3	24	13	10	8	1	10	702	13	10	642	12	4	3277	13	10	2498	12	4	151
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	0	0	174	0	0	152
3	10	0	26	5	5	3	10	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	47	5	5	56	9	10	485	5	5	511	9	10	153
35	9	0	64	17	10	50	8	7	8	11	2	18	5	10	...	...	...	237	12	5	260	1	0	1815	12	5	1810	1	0	154
...	...	...	6	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	3	6	1	1	0	804	3	6	857	1	0	155
5	0	0	56	15	3	4	2	6	2	10	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	78	7	9	88	10	1	565	7	9	537	10	1	156
131	13	6	282	18	3	54	19	0	44	0	0	63	12	10	46	3	6	1159	2	5	1129	4	2	3963	2	5	3971	4	2	157
1	10	0	21	1	0	1	0	0	...	...	...	2	10	0	...	...	...	26	1	0	26	13	0	2075	1	0	493	13	0	158
246	8	8	369	17	10	23	10	10	60	19	9	21	10	3	5	0	0	1235	5	10	1235	1	1	5081	5	10	4577	1	1	159
5	1	2	2	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	5	4	6	11	9	176	5	4	186	11	9	160
6	1	0	1	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	0	7	0	6	581	2	0	597	0	6	161
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	420	0	0	...	...	...	162
...	...	...	10	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0	15	0	0	1011	0	0	1010	0	0	163
...	...	...	7	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	3	6	7	9	234	4	3	805	7	9	164
...	...	...	27	10	3	3	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	5	3	38	0	5	385	5	3	487	0	5	165
3	0	0	14	9	0	3	4	0	...	...	...	0	9	0	...	...	...	21	2	0	35	17	3	724	2	0	1203	17	3	166
...	...	...	7	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	0	0	...	...	...	552	0	0	623	0	0	167
12	9	4	38	9	4	10	3	2	5	9	5	11	14	7	5	10	0	93	15	10	91	19	8	1136	15	10	860	19	8	168
...	...	...	3	9	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	9	7	3	1	5	138	9	7	137	1	5	169
6	6	6	23	7	11	7	1	0	4	16	0	6	10	0	0	11	0	73	12	5	80	16	5	845	12	5	751	16	5	170
12	10	0	118	10	4	20	10	0	4	0	0	15	15	0	10	10	0	231	15	4	219	2	5	1807	15	4	1269	2	5	171
...	...	...	3	8	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	16	5	...	...	...	4	4	10	5	19	2	245	4	10	254	19	2	172
2	16	9	154	11	1	5	9	2	...	...	...	2	19	0	1	18	11	172	14	11	195	8	9	982	14	11	964	8	9	173
12	11	0	137	16	6	8	0	0	8	0	0	25	0	0	...	...	...	256	7	6	229	11	4	1721	7	6	1354	11	4	174
3	12	0	10	11	0	2	8	0	2	4	0	0	12	0	1	18	0	21	5	0	17	8	0	115	5	0	209	8	0	175
...	...	...	28	12	2	6	15	0	...	...	...	5	0	0	...	...	...	70	7	2	58	3	9	2303	7	2	1259	3	9	176
...	...	...	9	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	7	0	2	10	0	1116	7	0	1175	10	0	177
2	13	4	42	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	4	...	...	...	52	1	8	28	15	6	816	1	8	702	15	6	178
...	...	...	9	12	8	3	0	0	...	...	...	2	0	0	...	...	...	34	12	8	41	0	3	743	12	8	1070	0	3	179
...	...	...	10	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	0	28	0	0	714	0	0	685	0	0	180
3	7	6	19	14	10	2	7	6	2	7	6	2	10	0	2	10	0	37	17	4	40	13	3	904	17	4	654	13	3	181
...	...	...	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	0	1	1	0	10	11	0	14	19	0	784	11	0	362	19	0	182
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	924	0	0	813	0	0	183
1	6	0	7	7	3	1	3	0	1	9	0	1	8	0	1	14	9	14	8	0	9	15	3	2022	8	0	886	15	3	184
1	0	0	8	0	2	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	12	0	...	...	...	10	12	2	8	13	6	227	12	2	243	13	6	185
5	0	0	10	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	0	0	14	0	0	808	0	0	937	0	0	186
...	...	...	117	19	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	117	19	6	170	19	6	919	19	6	972	19	6	187
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0	31	9	5	465	0	0	607	9	5	188
...	...	...	2	0	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	10	5	...	...	...	140	10	5	144	0	0	189
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	755	0	0	224	14	6	...
780	9	4	3672	1	0	456	12	7	217	13	1383	1	3	140	4	1	8614	17	0	8209	13	9	87718	17	0	77036	13	9	...	

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No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor and Congregational Missions, &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collec- tions, &c.								
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
190	Brought forward ...	17457	5468	23001	11953	57879	21225	79104	32154	14085 12 5	537 8 0	2964 15 8
	Wallington... ..	84	43	185	121	433	2957	3390	200	200 0 0	3 3 0	...
	Four Preaching Stations ...	30	...	422	6	458	55	513	338	...	...	...
		17571	5511	23608	12080	58770	24237	83007	32692	14285 12 5	540 11 0	2964 15 8
	MANCHESTER.											
191	Blackburn—Mount Street	33	8	76	...	117	...	117	200	120 0 0	1 12 6	...
192	" —St. George's...	452	...	192	208	852	173	1025	500	...	9 7 0	...
193	Bolton	160	35	206	122	523	45	568	335	210 0 0	6 3 0	10 0 0
194	Bradford	245	124	159	92	620	46	666	400	215 0 0	6 4 0	15 0 0
195	Crewe	54	46	102	34	236	...	236	200	131 0 0	2 6 0	...
196	Leeds—Cavendish Road ...	179	77	286	26	568	1083	1651	300	200 10 0	5 15 0	0 10 0
197	" —St. Columba ...	54	46	106	...	206	143	349	200	115 0 0	2 14 0	...
198	Manchester—Ancoats ...	Free	131	212	8	351	...	351	300	100 0 0	5 7 0	...
199	" —Bowdon ...	Free	...	512	32	544	...	544	350	15 16 0	4 11 0	15 16 0
200	" —BrunswickSt.	311	...	386	178	875	...	875	425	219 10 6	8 4 0	19 10 6
201	" —Eccles	55	14	66	9	144	200	344	200	90 0 0	2 1 0	...
202	" —Grosvenor Sq.	345	200	110	55	710	...	710	400	252 16 0	8 7 0	52 16 0
203	" —H. Broughton	170	...	439	49	658	156	814	450	12 17 11	5 14 0	12 17 11
204	" —Longsight ...	176	31	194	...	401	53	454	250	210 0 0	4 18 0	10 0 0
205	" —Pendleton ...	130	...	346	45	521	211	732	300	200 0 0	5 6 0	...
206	" —Sale	191	142	330	145	808	51	859	*450	220 0 0	7 0 0	20 0 0
207	" —Salford	90	54	240	44	428	306	734	300	200 0 0	5 10 0	...
208	" —St. Andrew's	257	28	418	106	809	225	1034	420	210 0 0	8 7 0	10 0 0
209	" —Trinity	223	14	241	129	607	...	607	*300	222 13 6	6 14 0	22 13 6
210	" —Whalley Range	Free	...	732	298	1030	530	1560	450	24 1 9	11 10 0	24 1 9
211	" —Withington	404	...	415	415	1234	79	1313	505	76 3 6	10 14 0	76 3 6
212	Oldham	101	...	176	11	288	835	1123	225	...	1 6 0	...
213	Preston	70	...	215	55	346	110	450	241	...	4 1 0	...
214	Ramsbottom	91	26	120	25	262	...	262	*200	150 0 0	2 17 0	...
215	Risley	4	...	109	5	118	4	122	*105	...	0 7 0	...
216	Rochdale	234	...	192	...	426	...	426	250	200 0 0	3 11 0	...
217	Sheffield	181	65	168	73	487	205	692	285	210 0 0	4 11 0	10 0 0
218	Warrington	51	41	98	17	207	8	215	200	110 0 0	2 0 0	...
219	Wharton	53	15	81	23	172	83	255	*200	115 0 0	1 16 0	...
220	Wigan	75	53	135	56	319	500	819	200	116 5 0	3 7 0	...
	One Preaching Station ...	Free	...	52	...	52	23	75	*92	...	...	...
		4389	1150	7114	2260	14913	5069	19982	9233	3946 14 2	152 0 6	299 9 1
	NEWCASTLE.											
221	Bellingham	67	47	52	5	171	...	171	*200	150 0 0	2 5 0	...
222	Blackhill	54	...	271	...	325	...	325	*200	17 0 0	3 15 0	17 0 0
223	Blyth—Bridge Street	13	9	46	...	68	...	68	200	45 0 0	...	...
224	" —Waterloo Road	95	...	214	21	330	127	457	*205	3 3 0	4 10 0	3 3 0
225	Durham	57	29	148	5	239	...	239	200	200 0 0	3 0 0	...
226	Falstone	78	33	37	...	148	...	148	*200	130 0 3	2 7 6	...
227	Forest Hall	29	13	75	3	120	92	212	155	80 0 0	0 15 0	...
228	Gateshead—Durham Road	129	...	383	13	525	50	575	300	2 16 0	5 17 6	2 16 0
229	" —Ellison Street	92	20	236	6	354	...	354	200	200 0 0	4 10 0	...
230	Gosforth	50	13	101	...	164	...	164	155	...	2 5 0	...
231	Hebburn	79	35	120	8	242	33	275	*200	173 0 0	3 15 0	...
232	Hexham ... ..	...	16	257	31	304	...	304	*230	216 0 0	5 0 0	16 0 0
233	Houghton-le-Spring	48	8	100	1	157	151	308	*200	130 0 0	2 5 0	...
	Carried forward ...	791	223	2010	93	3147	453	3600	2645	1346 19 3	40 5 0	38 19 0

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SYNODICAL FINANCES.												GRAND TOTAL.				No.
Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.				1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.			
						1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.							
														£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
780 9 4	3672 1 0	456 12 7	217 13 1	383 1 3	140 4 1	8614 17 0	8209 13 9	87718 17 0	77056 13 9	190						
1 15 9	3 7 5	3 0 0	...	...	...	8 3 2	3 1 0	2398 3 2	583 1 0				
1 10 0	26 18 4	...	0 15 0	...	...	29 3 4	8 5 5	542 3 4	661 5 5					
783 15 1	3702 6 9	459 12 7	218 8 1	383 1 3	140 4 1	8652 3 6	8221 0 2	91659 3 6	78301 0 2							
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	117 0 0	262 0 0	191			
5 0 0	17 10 0	4 6 0	5 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	39 10 0	54 0 0	1064 10 0	1138 0 0	192						
...	5 2 0	1 10 0	2 2 0	1 6 0	1 10 0	21 10 0	18 5 0	589 10 0	670 5 0	193						
6 0 0	15 0 0	...	...	2 0 0	...	38 0 0	30 5 9	704 0 0	1079 5 9	194				
1 10 0	12 0 6	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 15 0	0 15 0	16 0 6	17 15 9	252 0 6	297 15 9	195						
1 0 0	8 10 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	14 0 0	15 15 4	1665 0 0	600 15 4	196						
...	2 4 9	...	...	0 11 0	1 8 3	4 4 0	1 6 6	353 4 0	171 6 6	197				
...	21 0 3	...	...	...	...	21 0 3	19 19 1	372 0 3	521 19 1	198			
14 4 2	24 9 11	2 2 6	1 17 0	6 17 0	1 16 0	67 2 7	42 9 6	611 2 7	374 9 6	199						
7 3 3	28 4 11	...	...	...	...	54 18 8	52 13 5	929 18 8	935 13 5	200			
0 12 9	11 0 0	...	...	...	...	11 12 9	19 18 5	355 12 9	236 18 5	201			
18 0 5	23 15 3	...	...	...	8 4 6	102 16 2	147 0 3	812 16 2	1211 0 3	202			
7 14 1	42 13 0	...	...	...	...	63 5 0	112 6 0	877 5 0	758 6 0	203			
1 11 10	16 9 6	...	...	...	...	28 1 4	25 14 7	482 1 4	431 14 7	204			
1 0 0	12 13 5	...	...	...	...	13 13 5	10 9 9	745 13 5	1487 9 9	205			
7 7 11	40 18 6	2 13 8	...	5 0 0	...	76 0 1	80 19 6	935 0 1	1244 19 6	206						
4 17 6	14 4 0	0 7 6	0 5 0	1 3 6	0 18 3	21 15 9	21 6 0	755 15 9	530 6 0	207						
6 0 0	32 16 9	4 0 0	...	5 0 0	...	57 16 9	56 18 6	1091 16 9	938 18 6	208						
5 0 0	27 5 0	...	...	...	...	54 18 6	65 2 0	661 18 6	1003 2 0	209			
10 10 0	50 0 0	3 0 0	...	...	2 0 0	89 11 9	110 19 0	1649 11 9	2114 19 0	210				
68 5 2	188 13 5	...	...	9 1 5	2 2 10	344 6 4	398 6 7	1657 6 4	1830 6 7	211				
4 7 8	...	...	...	...	...	4 7 8	...	1127 7 8	1067 0 0	212			
2 10 0	2 10 0	...	...	...	1 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	456 0 0	453 0 0	213			
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 0 0	262 0 0	301 0 0	214			
1 1 0	1 3 4	...	...	...	0 17 4	3 1 8	3 15 5	125 1 8	215 15 5	215			
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	426 0 0	505 0 0	216			
7 7 6	23 18 9	3 0 0	2 0 0	2 5 9	2 5 9	50 17 9	29 0 7	742 17 9	483 0 7	217						
1 0 0	3 2 2	...	...	...	...	4 2 2	4 7 4	219 2 2	226 7 4	218			
1 0 0	4 12 5	...	...	...	1 0 0	6 12 5	9 16 1	261 12 5	349 16 1	219			
1 0 0	4 10 0	0 14 0	0 10 0	1 1 0	...	7 15 0	5 13 6	826 15 0	351 13 6	220						
0 15 0	0 13 2	0 10 0	...	...	...	1 18 2	1 11 0	76 18 2	80 11 0				
184 18 3	635 1 0	23 7 8	13 4 0	40 0 8	28 17 11	1224 18 8	1363 14 10	21206 18 8	21862 14 10							
...	2 19 6	...	...	...	...	2 19 6	...	173 19 6	179 0 0	221			
6 0 0	19 3 7	...	...	...	...	42 3 7	40 5 9	367 3 7	333 5 9	222			
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68 0 0	73 0 0	223			
1 9 0	1 9 11	2 1 0	1 2 11	1 2 2	...	10 8 0	12 3 8	467 8 0	514 3 8	224						
...	2 9 0	...	...	...	...	2 9 0	...	241 9 0	214 0 0	225			
...	1 0 4	...	...	...	1 5 8	2 6 0	3 18 0	150 6 0	167 18 0	226			
...	0 17 0	...	...	...	...	0 17 0	1 2 2	212 17 0	73 2 2	227			
1 4 0	7 0 6	...	...	...	...	11 0 6	10 16 5	586 0 6	574 16 5	228			
...	6 10 0	0 10 9	...	...	...	7 0 9	8 6 2	361 0 9	292 6 2	229			
...	2 7 0	...	...	...	...	2 7 0	4 9 1	166 7 0	211 9 1	230			
0 10 0	5 2 0	...	...	0 10 0	...	6 2 0	0 9 0	281 2 0	262 9 0	231				
26 13 10	36 15 1	2 4 0	3 14 3	5 5 0	2 7 0	92 19 2	58 2 7	396 19 2	2388 2 7	232						
2 1 1	5 15 6	1 4 0	1 2 0	1 5 0	1 5 0	12 12 7	12 13 0	320 12 7	336 13 0	233						
37 17 11	91 9 5	5 19 9	5 19 2	8 2 2	4 17 8	193 5 1	152 5 10	3793 5 1	3620 5 10							

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.
		Income for Congregational Purposes.			Poor and Congregational Missions, &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.				
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.								
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	791	223.	2040	93	3147	453.	3600	2645	1346 19 3	40 5 0	38 19 0
234	Jarrow—Ellison Street ...	134	...	304	128	566	...	566	325	2 7 8	8 0 0	2 7 8
235	" —St. Kilda's ...	Free	29	150	4	183	7	190	166	142 5 0	1 10 0	...
236	Newcastle—Barras Bridge ...	274	...	720	150	1144	250	1394	760	6 7 11	11 10 0	46 7 11
237	" —Blackett Street ...	278	...	468	226	972	200	1172	500	60 0 0	11 5 0	60 0 0
238	" —Erskine ...	61	...	194	3	258	...	258	200	...	3 7 6	...
239	" —Heaton ...	57	18	120	...	195	...	195	200	125 0 0	2 5 0	...
240	" —John Knox ...	247	...	309	202	758	35	793	400	245 0 0	9 0 0	45 0 0
241	" —St. George's ...	86	...	155	11	252	221	473	300	4 2 0	4 12 6	4 2 0
242	" —Trinity ...	519	...	475	357	1351	44.	1395	800	278 5 3	15 10 0	78 5 3
243	" —Westmoreland Rd ...	256	...	360	384	1000	4.	1004	400	37 13 0	11 0 0	37 13 0
244	North Shields—Howard St ...	144	21	279	35	479	10.	489	390	215 0 0	7 0 0	15 0 0
245	" —Northumberland Sq ...	171	...	398	117	686	...	686	400	32 7 4	7 5 0	32 7 4
246	Seaham ...	51	11	132	2	196	81	277	200	146 13 4	2 5 0	...
247	Seaton Burn ...	23	3	53	...	79	...	79	155	80 0 0	1 7 6	...
248	Seaton Delaval ...	43	28	73	...	144	128	272	*200	125 0 0	2 0 0	...
249	South Shields—Laygate ...	Free	...	481	56	537	76	613	*385	30 0 0	7 10 0	30 0 0
250	" —Mile End Rd ...	62	...	213	30	305	...	305	200	...	3 15 0	...
251	" —St. John's ...	145	...	235	105	485	95	580	300	...	6 9 0	...
252	" —St. Paul's ...	117	...	235	52	404	301	705	250	5 0 0	5 5 0	5 0 0
253	Stamfordham ...	Free	54	55	...	109	12	121	*188	102 0 0	1 7 6	...
254	Sunderland—Millfield ...	Free	75	156	1	232	...	232	200	...	1 5 0	...
255	" —Nth Bridge St. ...	78	44	290	88	500	...	500	*250	205 0 0	4 10 0	5 0 0
256	" —St. George's ...	236	14	544	271	1065	150	1215	500	250 0 0	10 15 0	50 0 0
257	" —St. Stephen's ...	48	21	152	21	242	...	242	200	155 0 0	2 17 6	...
258	" —Smyrna ...	60	...	417	12	489	...	489	300	200 0 0	4 10 0	...
259	" —Trinity ...	178	...	408	180	766	5	771	425	20 9 0	8 5 0	20 0 0
260	Swalwell ...	12	10	85	...	107	...	107	*200	86 0 0	1 10 0	...
261	Walker ...	71	2	163	15	251	...	251	*200	155 0 0	3 0 0	...
262	Wallsend ...	83	...	186	7	276	306	582	*200	...	3 15 0	...
263	Wark ...	42	3	69	4	118	...	118	*155	96 2 6	1 10 0	...
264	Willington Quay ...	29	20	189	13	251	30	281	200	200 0 0	3 0 0	...
		4296	576	10108	2567	17547	2408	19955	12194	4351 3 3	207 6 6	470 2 2
	NORTHUMBERLAND.											
265	Alnwick—Clayport Street ...	93	...	181	29	303	...	303	*185	...	3 15 0	...
266	" —Lisburn Street ...	61	15	101	6	183	...	183	*200	155 0 0	2 6 0	...
267	" —St. James's ...	137	16	137	34	324	154	478	*200	205 0 0	4 15 0	5 0 0
268	Bavington ...	63	24	27	3	117	...	117	*200	105 0 0	1 11 0	...
269	Bedlington ...	34	18	41	...	93	...	93	*170	76 0 0	1 14 0	...
270	Birdhoepraig ...	55	36	40	4	135	...	135	*200	120 0 0	1 16 0	...
271	Branton ...	84	6	97	12	199	1	200	*200	160 0 0	2 15 0	...
272	Embleton ...	64	13	64	1	142	...	142	*200	130 0 0	2 9 0	...
273	Felton ...	50	8	66	1	125	...	125	*200	110 0 0	1 18 0	...
274	Glanton ...	107	20	66	6	199	...	199	*200	165 0 0	3 3 0	...
275	Harbottle ...	82	11	51	2	146	...	146	*200	125 0 0	2 12 0	...
276	Longframlington ...	21	23	19	6	69	3	72	*155	61 0 0	0 18 0	...
277	Morpeth ...	149	28	177	25	379	...	379	*275	210 0 0	4 14 0	10 0 0
278	Newbiggin ...	28	6	59	2	95	27	122	200	110 0 0	2 0 0	...
279	North Middleton ...	53	24	28	1	106	...	106	*200	100 0 0	1 8 0	...
280	North Sunderland ...	76	6	87	9	178	126	304	*200	150 0 0	2 19 0	...
281	Otterburn ...	55	25	54	4	138	21	159	*185	121 0 0	2 0 0	...
282	Thropton ...	58	17	30	...	105	...	105	*200	106 0 0	1 16 0	...
283	Warenford ...	48	7	76	2	133	...	133	*200	115 2 6	2 7 0	...
284	Warkworth ...	68	22	43	1	134	...	134	*200	125 0 0	2 10 0	...
285	Widdrington ...	57	32	24	...	113	...	113	*200	110 0 0	1 19 0	...
286	Wooler—Cheviot Street ...	140	...	144	9	293	32	325	+225	200 0 0	3 18 0	...
287	" —Tower Hill ...	39	5	67	2	113	...	113	*150	100 0 0	1 15 0	...
288	" —West Church ...	103	35	65	6	209	137	346	*\$200	172 0 0	3 2 0	...
		1725	397	1744	165	4031	501	4532	4745	3031 2 6	60 0 0	15 0 0

(*) Manse.

(†) Including £50 to senior Minister.

(\$) Including £45 retiring allowance to senior Minister.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—continued.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Instruction of Youth.	TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.		No.
						1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
37 17 11	91 9 5	5 19 9	5 19 2	8 2 2	4 17 8	193 5 1	152 5 10	3793 5 1	3620 5 10	234
5 1 4	11 11 1	...	...	...	...	19 0 1	17 15 1	585 0 1	582 15 1	235
...	5 12 10	2 3 1	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	9 15 11	...	199 15 11	130 0 0	236
-12 10 0	52 10 7	2 0 0	2 0 0	10 0 0	7 10 0	132 18 6	129 0 0	1526 18 6	1378 0 0	237
...	69 17 6	8 6 3	4 14 10	4 0 0	2 6 2	149 4 9	136 18 3	1321 4 9	1246 18 3	238
...	6 0 0	...	...	...	...	6 0 0	16 9 4	264 0 0	293 9 4	239
...	1 10 0	...	...	...	...	1 10 0	0 15 0	196 10 0	204 15 0	240
5 15 0	104 16 4	9 10 0	1 3 6	5 10 0	1 3 6	172 18 4	125 5 10	965 18 4	894 5 10	241
0 10 0	4 2 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	9 14 0	16 1 6	482 14 0	422 1 6	242
10 0 0	52 19 4	...	2 0 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	147 4 7	152 4 9	1542 4 7	1799 4 9	243
...	20 0 0	...	...	5 0 0	...	62 13 0	63 2 6	1066 13 0	1346 2 6	244
6 1 8	14 4 0	16 13 4	...	4 1 0	2 7 9	57 17 9	47 16 0	546 17 9	594 16 0	245
7 10 0	20 14 6	4 2 9	1 1 0	6 0 0	1 8 7	73 4 2	61 16 6	759 4 2	725 16 6	246
0 15 0	...	...	...	...	...	0 15 0	0 16 0	277 15 0	260 16 0	247
...	0 18 0	0 5 0	...	0 15 0	0 5 0	2 3 0	1 18 9	81 3 0	75 18 9	248
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 0 0	272 0 0	179 0 0	249
5 0 0	19 13 11	2 0 0	2 0 0	7 0 0	1 1 0	66 14 11	60 7 5	679 14 11	635 7 5	250
4 0 0	11 1 4	2 0 0	1 5 0	...	...	18 6 4	18 15 10	323 6 4	323 15 10	251
2 0 0	13 10 0	2 0 0	...	1 10 0	...	19 0 0	15 10 1	599 0 0	583 10 0	252
8 15 6	10 5 0	1 12 6	1 0 0	1 5 0	2 12 9	30 10 9	36 0 0	735 10 9	471 0 0	253
...	1 12 6	...	...	...	...	1 12 6	4 5 0	122 12 6	110 5 0	254
0 17 3	0 8 0	...	...	...	...	1 5 3	0 6 5	233 5 3	174 6 5	255
2 10 0	23 8 8	0 7 8	...	3 0 0	2 5 0	36 11 4	30 18 8	536 11 4	479 18 8	256
5 10 0	41 10 5	5 0 0	3 4 11	5 0 0	3 17 8	114 3 0	106 15 9	1329 3 0	1039 15 9	257
2 2 6	5 10 0	...	...	...	1 5 0	8 17 6	4 19 3	250 17 6	320 19 3	258
2 16 0	7 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	12 16 0	13 13 6	501 16 0	473 13 6	259
...	12 0 0	...	...	2 2 0	...	34 2 0	42 5 11	805 2 0	831 5 11	260
...	1 7 7	...	...	...	...	1 7 7	2 3 2	108 7 7	146 3 2	261
...	0 17 6	...	...	...	...	0 17 6	4 19 1	251 17 6	306 19 1	262
1 0 0	3 3 6	0 10 0	...	...	...	4 13 6	5 0 0	586 13 6	748 0 0	263
1 5 6	2 15 0	1 10 0	2 0 0	2 1 0	2 0 0	11 11 6	13 11 6	129 11 6	125 11 6	264
0 10 0	4 17 9	1 0 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 5 6	7 13 3	8 11 0	288 13 3	285 11 0	
122 7 8	615 6 9	66 10 4	28 18 5	68 16 2	36 5 7	1408 7 1	1292 7 11	21363 7 1	21010 7 11	
...	9 12 1	0 14 0	...	2 6 7	1 14 0	14 6 8	73 0 4	317 6 8	413 0 4	265
5 15 6	9 10 6	...	...	...	2 5 0	17 11 0	18 15 2	200 11 0	215 15 2	266
4 12 0	14 14 7	1 1 0	...	3 0 0	1 1 0	29 8 7	29 6 3	507 8 7	446 6 3	267
0 5 2	8 12 3	...	...	...	1 3 0	10 0 5	8 10 5	127 0 5	122 10 5	268
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 3 6	93 0 0	133 3 6	269
...	3 0 0	...	...	0 16 0	...	3 16 0	4 17 0	138 16 0	139 17 0	270
...	2 6 0	1 5 6	...	1 6 6	1 10 0	6 8 0	9 17 4	206 8 0	179 17 4	271
0 15 0	2 10 2	...	...	...	...	3 5 2	6 19 0	145 5 2	160 19 0	272
0 6 0	3 12 8	...	...	0 10 0	0 10 0	4 18 8	6 9 10	129 18 8	152 9 10	273
2 0 0	2 8 0	2 0 0	...	2 4 0	...	8 12 0	10 0 0	207 12 0	215 0 0	274
0 18 0	5 15 0	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	0 10 0	9 3 0	8 14 3	155 3 0	184 14 3	275
0 7 0	0 10 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 10 0	0 5 0	2 2 0	2 4 6	74 2 0	71 4 6	276
...	12 7 11	3 9 11	...	3 4 3	3 0 10	32 2 11	30 18 0	411 2 11	834 18 0	277
...	...	...	...	0 17 6	...	0 17 6	1 8 0	122 17 6	125 8 0	278
0 10 0	1 1 0	...	...	0 5 0	0 7 6	2 3 6	2 12 6	108 3 6	109 12 6	279
1 10 0	8 10 10	1 10 0	...	1 10 0	0 10 0	13 10 10	13 15 0	317 10 10	179 15 0	280
1 0 0	6 0 0	0 15 0	0 13 0	0 16 0	0 12 0	9 16 0	11 13 6	168 16 0	631 13 6	281
1 11 0	3 6 5	0 15 0	...	1 4 6	...	6 16 11	6 4 0	111 16 11	114 4 0	282
...	1 11 4	0 15 0	...	...	...	2 6 4	8 0 1	135 6 4	315 0 1	283
0 15 0	2 11 0	...	...	0 12 0	0 8 0	4 6 0	4 5 0	138 6 0	151 5 0	284
...	0 10 0	...	...	0 10 0	...	1 0 0	1 11 6	114 0 0	120 11 6	285
1 0 0	5 7 11	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	8 7 11	15 8 6	333 7 11	208 8 6	286
1 12 0	8 2 4	...	...	...	...	9 14 4	5 18 3	122 14 4	115 18 3	287
2 6 0	16 5 9	4 10 1	2 6 0	1 2 0	...	26 9 10	27 13 5	372 9 10	462 13 5	288
25 2 8	128 5 9	19 0 6	4 4 0	21 14 4	13 16 4	227 3 7	312 5 4	4759 3 7	5804 5 4	

SUMMARY.—

No.	PRESBYTERIES, &c.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.								Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.			Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.			
		Income for Congregational Purposes.				Poor and Congregational Missions, &c.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.									
		Seat Rents.	Sust. Fund not being Aid.	Collections, &c.														
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Berwick	1444	151	1412	849	3856	287	4143	3242	1485	13	5	55	9	6	55	13	0
2	Birmingham	941	404	2493	416	4254	386	4640	3115	1895	2	10	41	0	0	32	5	11
3	Bristol	1262	450	2134	941	4787	1856	6643	2850	1591	10	0	44	0	0	134	0	0
4	Carlisle	738	322	2149	296	3505	943	4448	3049	2049	18	11	38	0	2	95	0	3
5	Darlington	823	845	3548	519	5735	723	6458	4069	2867	2	1	63	18	0	113	2	9
6	Liverpool	7711	1868	8413	5500	23492	6552	30044	13463	6165	11	9	244	3	0	1106	10	9
7	London	17571	5511	23608	12080	58770	24237	83007	32692	14285	12	5	540	11	0	2964	15	8
8	Manchester	4389	1150	7114	2260	14913	5069	19982	9233	3946	14	2	152	0	6	299	9	2
9	Newcastle	4296	576	10108	2567	17547	2408	19955	12194	4351	3	3	207	6	6	470	2	2
10	Northumberland	1725	397	1744	165	4031	501	4532	4745	3031	2	6	60	0	0	15	0	0
11	Donations, &c. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1252	5	2	36	16	6	1252	5	2
12	Scholarships ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Barbour Scholarships ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Church Building ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Aged and Infirm Ministers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Widows and Orphans ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Women's Missionary Association ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		40900	11674	62723	25593	140890	42962	183852	88652	42921	16	6	1483	5	2	6538	4	10

II. FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.														GRAND TOTAL.								No.						
Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.			Jewish Mission.			Continental Missions.			College.			Instruction of Youth.			TOTAL.				1887.	1886.		1887.	1886.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£						s.	d.	£	s.	d.
12 4	423	18	4	16	19	9	13	1	0	19	5	3	12	17	11	603	7	7	327	0	10	4746	7	7	4476	0	10	1
16 11	133	0	5	7	15	0	5	13	0	10	14	6	4	12	1	215	17	10	251	6	10	4855	17	10	5055	6	10	2
5 9 2	211	14	1	11	19	7	7	18	1	27	17	5	4	0	0	423	18	4	618	12	6	7066	18	4	7455	12	6	3
3 12 8	188	14	2	22	18	5	9	8	3	18	8	9	7	14	4	380	16	10	300	13	1	4828	16	10	3929	13	1	4
3 18 5	464	12	5	20	10	4	13	0	1	22	0	7	9	14	10	676	19	5	535	6	7	7134	19	5	8043	6	7	5
12 10	1444	9	7	120	4	3	113	6	0	158	1	7	37	19	1	3258	4	1	3720	17	11	33302	4	1	30352	17	11	6
15 1	3702	6	9	459	12	7	218	8	1	383	1	3	140	4	1	8652	3	6	8221	0	2	91659	3	6	78301	0	2	7
18 3	635	1	0	23	7	8	13	4	0	40	0	8	28	17	11	1224	18	8	1363	14	10	21206	18	8	21862	14	10	8
7 8	615	6	9	66	10	4	28	18	5	68	16	2	36	5	7	1408	7	1	1292	7	11	21363	7	1	21010	7	11	9
2 8	128	5	9	19	0	6	4	4	0	21	14	4	13	16	4	227	3	7	312	5	4	4759	3	7	5804	5	4	10
4 7	5502	14	1	488	16	11	18	6	0	1876	4	7	53	11	0	9381	2	8	12326	17	3	9381	2	8	12326	17	3	11
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	310	16	7	...	...	...	310	16	7	380	10	11	310	16	7	380	10	11	12
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	187	8	8	...	...	...	187	8	8	166	16	6	187	8	8	166	16	6	13
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	934	19	6	1747	12	7	934	19	6	1747	12	7	14
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1289	5	9	496	11	5	1289	5	9	496	11	5	15
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4201	3	8	3384	0	4	4201	3	8	3384	0	4	16
...	2356	9	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2356	9	10	1740	1	0	2356	9	10	1740	1	0	17
10 7	15806	13	6	1257	15	4	445	6	14	3144	10	4	349	13	2	35733	3	7	37185	16	0	219585	3	7	206533	16	0	

ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH.

THE SUSTENTATION FUND *in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,**Dr.**For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.**Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Payments to Ministers direct ...	40,748	17	2	...	...	...
" " through Widows	...	...	...	...	...	...
" and Orphans' Fund ...	992	10	0	41,741	7	2
Rev. J. M. Ross ...	...	...	...	200	0	0
Mrs. Galt ...	...	...	...	20	0	0
" " Office Charges...	311	13	11	...	...	...
" " Travelling Expenses	21	0	3	...	...	...
" " Synod Printing	33	3	0	...	...	...
" " College Rent and Teas...	10	5	0	...	...	...
" " Printing Reports	15	1	0	...	...	...
" " Collecting Books	6	8	6	...	...	...
" " Printing (Circulars and Stationery)	8	0	1	...	...	...
" " Expenses of Deputation to Maryport	4	17	6	...	...	...
" " Stamped Cheque Books	4	3	4	...	...	...
	£414 12 7					
" Balance forward to 1888	42,375	19	9	...	...	...
	129	5	4	...	...	...
	£42,505 5 1					
" Balance brought down	...	...	...	...	...	...
	£42,505 5 1					
	129	5	4			

THE RESERVE FUND (SUSTENTATION FUND) *in account with the TREASURERSHIP**Dr.*

COMMITTEE.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance carried down	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2,500	0	0	...	...	...
	£2,500 0 0					
By Balance from last account	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Part of Miss Barbour's Legacy	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2,083	8	7	...	...	...
	416	11	5	...	...	...
	£2,500 0 0					
" Balance brought down	...	...	...	...	...	...
	£2,500 0 0					

Audited and found correct.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. ROBT. A. McLEAN,
February 20, 1888. Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1887.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

MUTER TRUST—INTEREST ACCOUNT in account with the TRUSTEES,

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Dividends paid over to Sustentation Fund General Account ...	680	17	2			
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By Dividends received—						
" London, Chatham, and Dover Railway £1,500 Arbitration Preference Stock, for year to June 30, 1887 (<i>less</i> tax) ...	50	15	9			
" Caledonian Railway Coy. on £8,360 Ordinary Stock for year to July 31, 1887 (<i>less</i> tax) ...	293	6	11			
" On £1,554 Consolidated Preference 5 % Stock for year to July 31, 1887 (<i>less</i> tax) ...	75	4	3			
" North British Railway Company on £1,400 Edinburgh and Glasgow 4½ % Preference Stock, for year to July 31, 1887 (<i>less</i> tax) ...	60	19	9			
" New Zealand Consolidated 4 % Stock on £4,000, for year to November 1, 1887 (<i>less</i> tax) ...	155	6	8			
" Barlow & Jones (Limited) on 50 shares for year to September 30, 1887 ...	22	10	0			
" On £31 8s. 10d. Consolidated 3 % Annuities ...	0	18	10			
" Income Tax returned ...	21	15	0			
	680	17	2			

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CHANGES IN CAPITAL DURING 1887.

	£	s.	d.
By sale of £2,725 Caledonian Railway Deferred Ordinary Stock at 7½ % ...	196	4	3

INVESTMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1887.

£8,360 Caledonian Railway Consolidated Ordinary Stock.			
1,554 " " 5 % Preference Stock.			
1,400 North British Railway Edinburgh and Glasgow 4½ % Preference Stock.			
1,500 London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Arbitration Preference 4½ % Stock.			
14,000 " " " " Ordinary Stock.			
4,000 New Zealand 4 % Consolidated Stock.			
50 Shares in Barlow & Jones (Limited), £6 paid.			
£31 8s. 10d. Consolidated 3 % Annuities.			
£196 4s. 3d. cash in Bank.			

Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. McLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., February 20, 1888.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

E. & O. F.
December 31, 1887.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

(886)

THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND

In account with the

TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Annuities from Fund, viz. :—						
Rev. Andrew Wilson, for year to Oct. 26 ...	40	0	0	...	...	...
" Peter Taylor, for year to October 28	45	0	0	...	...	...
" John Greener, for year to Dec. 20 ...	25	0	0	...	...	...
" Wm. Forster, for year to Dec. 25 ...	25	0	0	...	...	...
" D. Terras, for year to Dec. 31 ...	45	0	0	...	...	...
" W. Ballantyne, for year to Dec. 31 ...	40	0	0	...	...	...
" James Fettes, for year to Dec. 31 ...	45	0	0	...	...	...
" J. R. Howat, balance to date of death	11	5	0	...	...	...
" A. T. Landreth, for year to Nov. 30 ...	30	0	0	...	...	...
Proportion of Office Charges ...	24	18	8	...	...	...
" Travelling Expenses ...	1	7	11	...	...	...
" College Rent and Teas ...	1	2	4	...	...	...
" Synod Printing ...	2	3	0	...	...	...
Investments made during the year ...				...	...	...
				29	11	11
				1,086	3	9
Balance in Bank ...				1,422	0	8
				73	8	3
				£1,495	3	11
				£1,495	3	11
				73	3	3
				1,289	5	9
By Balance from last year	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Interest on Investments	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Congregational Contributions :—				...	...	...
Presbytery of Derwick	£4	8	0	...	...	...
" Birmingham	34	16	4	...	...	...
" Bristol	9	11	6	...	...	...
" Carlisle	6	7	0	...	...	...
" Darlington	14	12	9	...	...	...
" Liverpool	100	3	3	...	...	...
" London	41	15	11	...	...	...
" Manchester	76	17	4	...	...	...
" Newcastle	4	16	6	...	...	...
" Northumberland	7	16	0	...	...	...
Donations ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Legacy from the late Miss Barbour	...	...	...	...	...	...
				301	4	7
				196	17	0
				500	0	0
				1,289	5	9
				£1,495	3	11
				73	3	3
				1,289	5	9

Dr.

Cr.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	7,588	11	11	...	...	...
	7,515	8	8	...	...	...
	73	3	3	...	...	...
	£7,588	11	11	...	...	...
	£7,588	11	11	...	...	...
	73	3	3	...	...	...
	£7,588	11	11	...	...	...

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. McLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., February 20, 1888.

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1887.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
806	0	0	London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Consolidated Preference 5% Stock.	600	0	0	Pennsylvania Railroad, 6% Consolidated Sinking Fund Mortgage Bonds.
112	0	0	L. B. & S. C. R. 5% Consolidated Guaranteed Stock.	1,000	0	0	City of Montreal 5% Sterling Loan Bonds.
550	0	0	North British Railway 6% Monkland Preference Stock.	2,628	11	5	India 4% Stock.
610	0	0	Great Western Ry. 5% Consolidated Preference Stock.	2,783	0	4	New Zealand 4% Consolidated Inscribed Stock.
			Caledonian Railway :—	1,070	0	0	Capo de Good Hope 4% Consolidated Inscribed Stock, 1936.
2,044	0	0	4% Consolidated Preference Stock, No. 1.				Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Coy. Lim. 4% Debenture Stock.
2,125	0	0	4% " " " " " " " "				Victoria Government :—
990	0	0	New 4% " Consolidated Stock, 1884.	600	0	0	4% Debenture Railway Loan (£200 of 1873, £400 of 1876).
385	0	0	New 4% " " " " " " " "	500	0	0	5% Debenture Railway Loan, 1868.
550	0	0	South-Eastern Ry 5% Consolidated Preference Stock.	400	0	0	4% Inscribed Stock, 1884.
500	0	0	London and North-Western Railway 4% Consolidated Preference Stock.	400	0	0	4 % " " " " " " " "
563	0	0	Midland Railway 4% Perpetual Preference Stock.	500	0	0	Queensland Government 4% Inscribed Stock.
062	10	0	Great Eastern Railway, 4% Preference Stock.	850	0	0	" " " " " " " "
555	0	0	Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway 4% Guaranteed South Yorkshire Rent Charge Stock.				South Australian "Government :—
676	0	0	Metropolitan Railway 4% Perpetual Preference Stock.	1,800	0	0	4% Loan 1884 Inscribed Stock.
300	0	0	Scinde, Punjab, and Delhi Railway Annuities, Class B, 1958.	800	0	0	4% " " " " " " " "
40	19	11	Illinois Central Railroad 5% Sterling Sinking Fund Bonds, 1903.	800	0	0	4% " " " " " " " "
200	0	0		400	0	0	Canada 4% Inscribed Stock, 1910-35.
				1,267	7	2	New South Wales 4% Inscribed Stock, 1933.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND *in account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.—BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Annuities Fund	18,876 17 8	By Sundry Investments at Cost Price	...	...	35,839 2 11
" Capital Fund	17,185 3 4	" Cash in Bank	...	...	222 18 1
			<u>£36,062 1 0</u>				<u>£36,062 1 0</u>

In conformity with the Rules of the Fund I have audited the above accounts, found them correct, examined the securities, and sent to the Committee, through the Treasurership Committee, a Valuation of the same as on December 31, 1887.

ROBT. A. M. McLEAN,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., March 1, 1888.

E. & O. F.
December 31, 1887.

JNO. LEGGAT, *Financial Secretary.*

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND, *For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.*

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
John N. Boyd, Esq.	3 0 0
Wm. Fraser, Esq., Birmingham	1 1 0
Liverpool, Sefton Park	80 6 8
Lewes	2 6 4
Clapham Road	5 0 0
South Shields, St. Paul's	0 10 0
Legacy—The late Miss Mary Barbour	500 0 0
INDUCTION FEES.			
Tweedmouth	4 0 0
Birmingham, Camp Hill	4 0 0
Wolverhampton	6 0 0
Aberdare	4 0 0
Torquay	7 0 0
Workington	4 0 0
Crook	4 0 0
Hull, Holderness Road	4 0 0
Tow Law	3 2 0
Birkenhead, West Kirby	4 0 0
Liverpool, Islington	8 0 0
Aston Tirrild	3 2 0
Canterbury	3 8 0
Chatham	4 0 0

	£	s.	d.
Holybourne	4 0 0
London, Bernondsey	3 10 0
" Bow Road	5 0 0
" Brondesbury	6 0 0
" East Dulwich	6 0 0
" Hampstead	10 0 0
" Kentish Town	4 0 0
" Stepney	5 0 0
" Wimbledon	8 0 0
" Rangoon	9 0 0
Southampton, St. Andrew's	6 0 0
" " Woolston	5 0 0
Manchester, Bowdon	7 0 0
" Longsight	5 0 0
Durham	4 0 0
Forest Hall	3 2 0
Gosforth	3 2 0
On account, Dr. Kerr	5 0 0
" Dr. Lang	5 0 0
Marriage fees	72 10 0
			<u>£831 0 0</u>

Dr. THE HOME MISSION FUND *in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,*
Cr. *For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.*

		NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
To Grants:—					
I. Church Extension Grants					
II. Evangelistic Grants —					
1. Preaching Stations	...	177 1 8	...	By Balance from last year	...
2. Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services	...	30 0 0	...	" Free Church Collections	...
		8 3 0	...	" Amount drawn from Reserve	...
			215 4 8	" Interest on deposit	...
			9 11 6	" Donation (Dr. Anderson, Formosa)	...
					Of which
" Expenses paid to Local Treasurer	...	...	...		380 15 0
" Proportion of Office Charges	...	99 15 0	...	Apportioned to this Board	
" Travelling Expenses	...	27 15 2	...		148 1 5
" Synod Printing	...	31 19 0	...	Congregational Contributions—	
" College Rent and Teas	...	9 5 0	...	Presbytery of Berwick	...
" Schedules	...	1 16 7	...	" Darlington	...
				" Newcastle	...
				" Northumberland	...
					235 5 1
					7 16 0
					13 1 0
Proportion chargeable to this Board		170 10 9	20 15 0		
			245 11 2		
			199 4 11		
			£444 16 1		
" Balance in Bank	...	...			£444 16 1

		NORTH-WESTERN AND MIDLAND DISTRICT BOARD.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
To Grants:—					
I. Church Extension Grants					
II. Evangelistic Grants —					
1. Mission Congregations and Preaching Stations	...	211 13 4	...	By Balance from last year	...
2. Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services	...	300 0 0	...	" Proportion of General Receipts as above (£2380 15s.)	...
		10 0 0	...	Congregational Contributions—	...
			521 13 4	Presbytery of Birmingham	...
			17 3 9	" Carlisle	...
			5 9 7	" Liverpool	...
			50 7 7	" Manchester	...
					183 18 3
					510 11 6
" Expenses paid to Local Treasurer	...	...	...		12 9 2
" Pew Notices	...	...	...		11 0 0
" Proportion of General Charges as above	...	...	...		20 0 0
" Balance in Bank	...	...	...
			594 14 3		
			369 5 4		
			£963 19 7		
					£963 19 7

GRANTS PAID FROM

For Year ended

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

I. CHURCH EXTENSION GRANTS :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Presbytery of Darlington—						
Scarborough				83	6	8
Presbytery of Newcastle—						
Gosforth	6	5	0			
Seaham	12	10	0			
Sunderland, Millfield	75	0	0			
				93	15	0
				177	1	8

II. EVANGELISTIC GRANTS :—

1. *Preaching Stations.*

Presbytery of Berwick—						
Holy Island				30	0	0

2. *Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services.*

Presbytery of Berwick	3	3	0			
Presbytery of Darlington—						
Middlesbro', Newport Road	5	0	0			
				8	3	0
				215	4	8

NORTH-WESTERN AND MIDLAND DISTRICT BOARD.

I. CHURCH EXTENSION GRANTS :—

Presbytery of Birmingham—						
Walsall				41	13	4
Presbytery of Carlisle—						
Silloth				75	0	0
Presbytery of Manchester—						
Doncaster	20	0	0			
Oldham	75	0	0			
				95	0	0
				211	13	4

II. EVANGELISTIC GRANTS :—

1. *Mission Congregations and Preaching Stations.*

Presbytery of Birmingham—						
Nottingham, Hyson Green	£30	0	0			
Presbytery of Carlisle—						
Great Salkeld	£30	0	0			
Haltwhistle	10	0	0			
Penruddock	20	0	0			
				60	0	0
Presbytery of Liverpool—						
Liverpool, St. Peter's	30	0	0			
" Vauxhall Road	50	0	0			
				80	0	0
Presbytery of Manchester—						
Manchester, Salford	50	0	0			
Risley	40	0	0			
Tunley	40	0	0			
				130	0	0
				300	0	0
Carried forward	300	0	0	211	13	4

HOME MISSION FUND

December 31, 1887.

						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward						300	0	0	211	13	4
2. <i>Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services.</i>											
Presbytery of Birmingham—											
Walsall						10	0	0			
									310	0	0
									521	13	4
SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.											
I. CHURCH EXTENSION GRANTS:—											
Presbytery of Bristol—											
Swindon									67	10	0
Presbytery of London—											
Canterbury						37	10	0			
London, Blackheath						75	0	0			
" East Dulwich						75	0	0			
" Oxenden						12	10	0			
" Silvertown						60	0	0			
" Wimbledon						50	0	0			
Reading						50	0	0			
Southampton, Woolston						75	0	0			
Wallington						50	0	0			
									485	0	0
									552	10	0
II. EVANGELISTIC GRANTS:—											
1. <i>Mission Congregations and Preaching Stations.</i>											
Presbytery of London—											
Alderney						£30	0	0			
Bournemouth, McGill Memorial Mission						6	5	0			
Darenth						40	0	0			
Highfields						30	0	0			
London, Bermondsey						50	0	0			
" Bow Road						50	0	0			
" College Park						56	5	0			
" Kentish Town						50	0	0			
" Millwall						12	10	0			
" Somers Town						50	0	0			
" Verulam						37	10	0			
									412	10	0
2. <i>Employment of Students.</i>											
Presbytery of London—											
Streatham						20	0	0			
Willesden						10	0	0			
									30	0	0
3. <i>Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services.</i>											
Presbytery of Bristol—											
Bristol						£5	0	0			
Gloucester						5	0	0			
Plymouth						5	0	0			
									15	0	0
Presbytery of London—											
Aston Tyrrold						2	10	0			
London, Bow Road						4	7	6			
" Silvertown						3	10	0			
									10	7	6
									25	7	6
4. <i>Proportion of Cost of Mission.</i>											
Work at Yarmouth									10	0	0
									477	17	6
									1,030	7	6

SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

To Grants paid to—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Swindon...	62	10	0	...	...	...	3,841 14 0
Blackheath	375	0	0	...	By Balance from last year	...	
Bow Road	250	0	0	...	„ Proportion of Legacy, Loans and Interest as above (£739 9s. 6d.)	...	272 8 9
Brockley...	375	0	0	...	„ Contributions from London Presbytery ...	...	167 8 0
Ealing	375	0	0	...			
Kingston	750	0	0	...			439 16 9
Richmond	375	0	0	...			
Wimbledon	62	10	0	...			
Reading...	750	0	0	...			
Wallington	562	10	0	...			
„ Proportion of General Charges as above	3,937	10	0	...			
			64	14	6	...			
„ Balance in Bank	4,002	4	6	...			
			279	6	3	...			
			£4,281	10	9	...			£4,281 10 9
Amount reserved to pay Grant under Old Scheme	375	0	0	...	„ Balances brought down, viz.—		
Now paid to Leeds, Cavendish Road	375	0	0	...	At Cr. of North-Eastern Board	...	578 14 4
						...	At Cr. of North-Western and Midland Board	...	562 17 1
						...	„ „ „ „ „ „	...	279 6 3
						...	At Cr. of Southern District Board	...	1,420 17 8

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. McLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., February 20, 1888.

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1887.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

(896)

The Foreign Missions Fund in account

For Year ended

Dr.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To <i>Missionaries' Salaries</i> —									
AMOY,	Rev. W. S. Swanson	...	...	450	0	0			
	Rev. Wm. McGregor	...	...	420	0	0			
	Rev. Henry Thompson	...	...	350	0	0			
	Rev. John Watson	...	...	340	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. McLeish	...	...	355	0	0			
	Dr. Grant	...	...	250	0	0			
SWATOW,	Rev. George Smith	...	...	348	10	0			
	Rev. H. L. Mackenzie	...	...	390	0	0			
	Rev. William Duffus	...	...	390	0	0			
	Rev. John C. Gibson	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. D. McIver	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. Wm. Riddel	...	...	320	0	0			
	Dr. Lyall	...	...	320	0	0			
	Dr. McPhun	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. Cousland	...	...	250	0	0			
	Mr. Wm. Paton	...	...	280	0	0			
FORMOSA,	Rev. William Campbell	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. Thomas Barclay	...	...	300	0	0			
	Rev. William Thow	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. Anderson	...	...	340	0	0			
	Rev. W. R. Thompson	...	...	330	0	0			
	Rev. James Main, allowance	...	...	100	0	0			
	Mr. Geo. Ede	...	...	250	0	0			
	Dr. John Lang	250	0	0			
SINGAPORE,	Rev. J. A. B. Cook	330	0	0			
INDIA,	Dr. D. Morison	383	10	0			
							8,237	0	0
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„	<i>Widows and Orphans' Fund</i> , extra premium for resi-								
	dence abroad of 25 Missionaries	125	0	0			
	Induction fee for Dr. Lang	5	0	0			
							130	0	0
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„	<i>Amoy Mission</i> , viz.—								
							Dols.		
	Salaries of 33 Native Preachers	2,430	00				
	„ 11 „ Teachers	588	00				
	„ 22 Chapel-keepers	...	...	499	00				
	Support of 7 Students and Seminary Expenses	...	...	276	15				
	Rents of Chapels, &c.	...	...	360	90				
	Wages of Boatmen and Boat Expenses	...	...	467	35				
	Travelling Expenses of Missionaries and Helpers...	...	...	192	95				
	Purchase of Ground Rent of Mission House	...	...	200	00				
	Grants to Chapels	...	...	458	00				
	Maintaining and Repairing Mission Property	...	...	121	14				
	Middle School Expenses, less Fees	...	...	153	11				
	Chin-Chew Hospital Expenses, less Donations	...	...	361	72				
	Miscellaneous	...	...	170	75				
	Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...	477	02				
							Dols.		
	Balance from last account	...	...	1,659	79				
	Received for Rent of Mission House	...	...	421	56				
	Carried forward	...	...	2,081	35		6,756	09	
							8,367	0	0

with the Treasurership Committee,

DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year ... ..	...	...	...	319	13	8
„ <i>Congregational Contributions—</i>						
From Presbytery of Berwick	405	0	11			
„ Birmingham	42	17	8			
„ Bristol	152	10	2			
„ Carlisle	126	2	5			
„ Darlington	402	9	11			
„ Liverpool	1,168	5	9			
„ London	3,045	0	10			
„ Manchester	415	18	1			
„ Newcastle	406	16	0			
„ Northumberland	68	4	8			
				6,233	6	5
„ <i>Juvenile Fund</i>				1,723	3	5
„ <i>Edinburgh Committee of Scottish Auxiliary Associations, for Salaries of—</i>						
Rev. George Smith	340	0	0			
Rev. W. McGregor	420	0	0			
Rev. W. Duffus	390	0	0			
Rev. D. McIver	330	0	0			
Rev. Dr. Riddel	320	0	0			
Dr. Lyall	276	13	4			
Dr. McPhun	250	0	0			
	2,326	13	4			
On account of Subscriptions to Widows and Orphans' Fund	28	6	8			
From Mrs. Barbour for Blocks for the Blind, per Rev. W. Campbell	50	0	0			
From Miss Savill, Bristol, for a Boy at School	5	0	0			
From Sir Douglas Stewart, of Grandtully	20	0	0			
				2,430	0	0
„ <i>Legacies—</i>						
The late Miss Mary Barbour	500	0	0			
„ Alex. Gardner	90	0	0			
„ James Gardner	732	8	3			
„ Miss E. C. Hume	80	9	1			
„ D. Mackay, Thurso (Annual)	10	0	0			
„ Mrs. Mackay	9	0	0			
„ Miss Constantia Westerberg, of Gottenburg	13	14	6			
				1,435	11	10
„ <i>Colonial and Continental Contributions—</i>						
Wm. Barnes, Esq., Canada	4	0	0			
Dr. Murray Thomson, Roorkee, India	20	0	0			
Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, per Rev. Isaac Mackay	20	0	0			
Free Evangelical Church of Germany: Görlitz, per Rev. H. Röther, for Work among Natives of Pescadores	6	7	0			
				50	7	0
Carried forward				12,192	2	4

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

(898)

Dr.		THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND <i>in account</i>				
		Dols.	Dols.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward ...	2,081·35	6,756·09	8,367	0	0
To <i>Amoy Mission Expenses</i> (continued)—						
	Native Contributions ...	75·00				
	Sale of Dictionaries and Arithmetics ...	51·50				
			2,207·85			
			\$4,548·24 or			
			£731 4 4			
	Medicines sent from England ...		73 5 4			
				804	9	8
„ <i>Svatow Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—						
	Salaries of 16 Native Preachers ...	..	1,078·00			
	„ 8 Chapel-keepers ...	..	227·40			
	„ 12 Private and School Teachers ...	..	726·22			
	Support of 15 Students and Seminary Expenses ...	..	497·83			
	Wages of 2 Boatmen and Boat Expenses ...	..	246·88			
	Rents, Repairs, and Station Expenses ...	..	604·29			
	Travelling and General Expenses ...	..	635·24			
	Middle School Expenses, <i>less</i> Fees ...	..	299·97			
	Printing-press Expenses, <i>less</i> Sales ...	..	206·80			
	Balance in Treasurer's hands ...	..	310·24			
			4,832·87			
	Balance from last Account ...	..	911·33			
	Donation from Kaikori, New Zealand ...	..	11·87			
	Native Contributions ...	..	291·65			
	Donation from Rev. G. Smith ...	..	60·00			
	Interest on Bank Account ...	..	8·34			
	Congregational School Fees ...	..	52·08			
			1,335·27			
			\$3,497·60 or			
			£586 0 0			
	Medicines sent from England ...		33 9 4			
				619	9	4
„ <i>Hak-ka Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—						
	Salaries of 11 Preachers, 6 Students, 4 Teachers, and 6 Chapel-keepers ...	..	1,152·00			
	Rents and General Expenses ...	..	489·09			
	College Expenses ...	..	45·10			
	Boys' Schools, <i>less</i> Fees ...	..	94·61			
	Books, <i>less</i> Sales ...	..	23·46			
	Expenses of Dispensary, <i>less</i> Receipts ...	..	219·72			
	Travelling Expenses ...	..	200·43			
	Balance in Treasurer's hands ...	..	149·10			
			\$2,373·51			
	Balances from last account ...	..	596·39			
	Native Contributions ...	..	67·84			
	Donation, per Rev. Dr. Riddel ...	..	100·00			
	„ „ Dr. McPhun ...	..	100·00			
			864·23			
			\$1,509·28 or			
			£250 0 0			
	Medicines sent from England ...		33 2 9			
				283	2	9
„ <i>Formosa Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—						
	Salaries of 24 Preachers, <i>less</i> Native Contributions ...	..	1,029·00			
	College Tutor and 11 Students ...	..	540·00			
	Salaries of 2 Missionaries' Teachers, and 1 School Teacher ...	..	237·00			
	Wages of 3 Chapel-keepers, &c. ...	..	53·00			
	Boys' School Expenses, <i>less</i> Fees	327·00			
	Carried forward	2,186·00	10,074	1	9

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				12,192	2	4
By Donations—						
‘A. McL.’	10	0	0			
William Amos, Esq.	1	0	0			
‘Anonymus’	1	0	0			
‘An anonymous Friend,’ Alnwick	1	0	0			
Rev. Thomas Barclay, Formosa	125	0	0			
H. Beck, Esq.	15	0	0			
John Brown, Esq., Dunoon	10	0	0			
‘Budleigh Salterton’	1	0	0			
Mrs. M. C. Caley	1	1	0			
Mrs. Grace Campbell	0	7	0			
William Cox, Esq.	1	0	0			
Dr. and Mrs. Thomson Crabbe	2	0	0			
Rev. Andrew Crawford	5	0	0			
J. K. Cruikshank, Esq.	1	0	0			
John Cunliffe, Esq.	100	0	0			
‘D. M. M.,’ on account of Gospel in China	2	0	0			
‘F. H. T.’	2	0	0			
‘Foi’	1	0	0			
Mrs. Dingwall Fordyce	0	3	6			
Wm. Fraser, Esq., Birmingham	1	1	0			
Free St. Leonard’s Bible Class, Perth, on account of						
Formosa, per Dr. Anderson	0	13	2			
‘A Friend’	110	0	0			
‘A Friend,’ per Mrs. Rollo	0	15	0			
A Friend of the China Mission, per R. Wales, Esq.	30	0	0			
Friends in Paris	1	11	4			
Friends in Scotland, per J. E. Mathieson, Esq.	10	0	0			
Friends in Sunderland, per Miss Miller	3	0	0			
L. Gibson, Esq.	3	3	0			
‘Glencutha,’ Juniper Green Box	0	10	0			
Miss Goodall	1	0	0			
Mrs. Gray, in memory of William Burns	0	5	0			
T. K. Hardie, Esq.	10	0	0			
Rev. Dr. Hunter, of Victoria Docks	1	0	0			
‘J. C.,’ on account of Gospel in China	0	15	0			
A. R. Johnstone, Esq.	10	0	0			
Capt. H. King, R.N.	1	0	0			
Mrs. Lyall, per Dr. Maxwell	1	0	0			
‘M.’	25	0	0			
J. Macandrew, Esq.	5	0	0			
‘M. A. M.’	10	0	0			
Alexander MacIntyre, Esq.	50	0	0			
John MacFarlan, Esq.	5	0	0			
Miss Eliz. MacFarlane, per Rev. G. Anderson	1	0	0			
” ” per Mrs. Rollo	1	0	0			
Dr. McPhun	11	11	6			
Thomas McQuarrie, Esq.	4	0	0			
Rev. Alexander Miller, Buckie	4	4	0			
Jas. Mitchell, Esq., per Dr. Anderson	1	0	0			
‘M. M. M.’ on account of Formosa Medical Mission	5	0	0			
Moffat—collected at Prayer Meeting	1	3	6			
‘N. T.’	2	2	0			
Reyner Trust Fund	25	0	0			
W. R. Richardson, Esq.	200	0	0			
Miss Royston	1	1	0			
‘R. W.’	100	0	0			
James Scott, Esq.	0	10	0			
Wm. Shepherd, Esq., Perth, per Dr. Anderson	1	0	0			
George Sturge, Esq., Sixth and Seventh Instalments						
of £1,000	200	0	0			
Carried forward	1,118	17	0	12,192	2	4

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

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THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND *in account*

		Dols.	Dols.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...		2,186-00	10,074	1	9
To <i>Formosa Mission Expenses</i> (continued)—						
Grants in aid of Church Building	...	...	295-00			
Travelling Expenses	...	...	584-09			
Hospital Expenses	...	1,388-18				
Balance in hand	...	45-72				
			1,433-90			
Repairs and General Expenses	...	...	331-32			
Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...	87-78			
			4,918-09			
Balance from last Account	...	188-15				
„ on account of Hospital...	...	56-27				
Hospital Receipts	...	1,377-63				
Interest on Bank Account	...	10-82				
			1,632-87			
			\$3,285-22	or	533	8 0
„ <i>Singapore Mission Expenses</i> , viz.—						
Salaries of Preachers	...	...	236-00			
Wages of Colporteur and Caretaker	...	...	90-00			
Travelling Expenses	...	...	120-72			
Mission House rent	...	...	420-00			
Pony, Man, and Gharry expenses	...	...	217-00			
Books, less Sales	...	...	31-04			
Medical Account	...	...	60-00			
On account of Purchase of Chapel	...	...	27-46			
Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	...	712-36			
			1,914-58			
Balance from last Account	...	195-37				
Native Contributions	...	135-14				
			330-51			
			\$1,584-07	or		
			£260 0 0			
Extra allowance to Mr. Cook for Expenses	...		40 0 0			
					300	0 0
<i>India Mission Expenses</i> —						
Schools, less Grant and Fees	...	Rs. 494 12 3				
Dispensary, less Fees and Medicines	...	540 13 6				
Church Repairs	...	74 13 0				
Catechist	...	300 0 0				
Rent, Taxes, and Repairs	...	273 7 4				
Horses, Oxen, and Conveyance	...	303 5 0				
Colporteur	...	165 15 6				
Books and Tracts, less Sales	...	20 0 6				
Orphans, less Government Aid	...	62 7 6				
Boat Expenses	...	76 8 6				
Travelling and General Expenses	...	253 1 6				
Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	807 8 8				
			3,372 13 3			
Balance from last account	Rs. 1,110 1 6					
Contributions from Europeans	377 0 0					
„ „ Mrs. Chapman	278 4 0					
„ „ Natives	68 8 0					
Received for Boat Hire	136 4 0					
			1,970 1 6			
			Rs. 1,402 11 9	or		
			£100 0 0			
Medicines sent from England	31 6 7			
					131	6 7
Carried forward			11,038	16 4

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1,118	17	0	12,192	2	4
By <i>Donations</i> (continued)—									
‘Sympathy’	5	0	0			
Rev. Henry Thompson	...	...	...	10	0	0			
Rev. William Thow	...	...	...	5	0	0			
Van der Meulen Trust	...	...	...	1	0	0			
Rev. J. G. van Rijn	...	...	...	2	0	0			
Collected by Miss Jessie Veitch	...	...	...	1	4	0			
‘W.,’ a Friend	...	...	...	1	0	0			
Miss Walker	...	...	...	0	10	0			
Walker Minister’s Bible Class	...	...	...	0	7	6			
Mrs. Margaret Wallace	...	...	...	1	0	0			
Mrs. Waterhouse	...	...	...	5	0	0			
‘W. B.,’ Liverpool	...	...	...	2	0	0			
J. C. White, Esq.	...	...	...	100	0	0			
A Workman’s Thank-offering	...	...	...	2	0	0			
Miss Wylie, per H. M. Matheson, Esq.	...	...	...	1	0	0			
‘X. Y. Z.’	...	...	...	0	10	0			
Donations on account of India—									
‘A Friend’	...	...	£20	0	0				
George McLeod, Esq.	...	...	10	0	0				
Arthur Magniac, Esq.	...	...	50	0	0				
A Thank-offering	...	...	50	0	0				
Messrs. C. S. & H. K. Patterson, on account of Orphanage	...	...	1	0	0				
				131	0	0			
							1,387	8	6
„ <i>Collections at Missionary Meetings—</i>									
At Liverpool	...	...	...	5	17	8			
At Manchester	...	...	...	2	6	2			
At South Shields	...	...	...	3	4	8			
At Glenfincastle, Bouskeid, per Dr. Anderson	...	...	...	1	0	0			
At Stanley Free Church, Perth, per Dr. Anderson	...	...	...	3	10	0			
							15	18	6
„ <i>Students’ Missionary Society—</i>									
On account of India	...	...	...	1	5	0			
On account of Singapore	173	3	0			
							174	8	0
Carried forward				13,769	17	4

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND.

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THE FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND in account

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...				11,038	16	4
To <i>Passage Money</i> —								
	Rev. Wm. Campbell, homewards	...	69	13	5			
	Rev. W. R. and Mrs. Thompson "	...	138	13	3			
	Rev. John Watson, outwards	...	71	4	7			
	Dr. and Mrs. Lyall "	...	122	0	0			
	Dr. and Mrs. Anderson "	...	136	15	10			
	Miss Kratt "	...	65	2	6			
	Rev. D. McIver "	...	58	10	0			
	Rev. H. L. Mackenzie "	...	62	10	6			
	Rev. J. A. B. Cook to Amoy and Bombay	...	56	1	8			
	Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Gibson to Japan	...	40	0	0			
	Mrs. Ede from Hong Kong to Formosa	...	15	2	6			
	Rev. H. and Mrs. Thompson from Hong Kong to Amoy	...	8	11	6			
	Dr. Lang from Hong Kong to Amoy	...	6	0	7			
						850	6	4
" <i>Travelling Expenses of Missionaries in England on Deputation work</i>	...	...	...	...	...	178	1	8
" <i>Outfit of Missionaries</i> —								
	Miss Kratt (Mrs. Lang)	...	25	0	0			
	Rev. D. McIver	...	25	0	0			
	Dr. and Mrs. Anderson	...	67	10	0			
	Rev. H. L. Mackenzie...	...	25	0	0			
	Rev. Alex. Gregory	...	50	0	0			
						192	10	0
" <i>Home Charges</i> —								
	'Presbyterian Messengers'	...	£148	6	3			
	Postage and addressing ditto	...	211	7	8			
						359	13	11
	Illustrations for 'Children's Messenger'	...				29	14	2
	Annual Reports	...				92	16	0
	Share of Synod Reports and Printing	...				26	12	0
	Share of Office Charges	...				249	7	3
	Share of Travelling Expenses	...				24	0	2
	Share of College Rent and Teas	...				14	5	0
	Missionary Boxes, Cards, and Collecting Books	...				31	17	8
	Pamphlets and Stationery	...				40	16	1
	Freight	...				3	15	3
	Rev. W. S. Swanson (Rent and Taxes)	...				65	13	9
						938	11	3
	Contribution towards loss on 'Presbyterian Messenger,' as ordered by the Synod	...				135	1	0
" <i>Interest on Overdrawn Account</i>	...	...				84	5	7
" Rev. Wm. Campbell for Edition of Hymn-book in embossed type for the Blind, contributed by Mrs. Barbour <i>per contra</i>	...	...				50	0	0
" Rev. Thomas Barclay for Work among the Pescadores, specially contributed by Free Evangelical Church, Görlitz	...	...				6	7	0
						13,473	19	2
						295	18	2
Balance in Bank	...	...				£13,769	17	4

Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. MCLEAN, *Chartered Accountant, Auditor.*

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., February 20, 1888.

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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					£	s.	d.
Brought forward		13,769	17	4

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT for the Year ending DECEMBER 31, 1887.

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PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries in China—								By Balance from last Account	421	4	4
Misses Black, Butler, Harkness,								" Donations and Subscriptions—	...	...	...	1,770	5	6
Johnson, MacLagan, & Stuart								Associations, as per List	...	...	...	541	1	10
" Salaries in India—					830	0	8	Sundries	...	...	...	2,311	7	4
Miss Thomson					150	0	0	" Interest on Mrs. Buchanan's Legacy—	...	...	...	45	2	6
Outfits—								For Girls' School at Swatow	...	...	...
" Misses Bayly, Falconer, MacMahon,					200	0	0							
Ricketts, and Sutherland ...														
" Passages and Baggage Expenses—														
Misses Bayly, Falconer, MacMahon,					294	6	7							
Ricketts, and Sutherland ...														
" Home Charges—														
Doctors' Certificates		7	7	0										
Annual Meetings, Printing, Travelling,		18	2	5										
&c. ...														
Deputation Expenses, including Miss		33	7	10										
Mann's salary for one quarter		21	13	7										
" Our Sisters,' cost, less Sales ...					80	10	10							
" Magic Lantern to Mr. and Mrs. Cook from														
Torquay					10	0	0							
" Expenditure at Mission Stations—														
Amoy		130	0	0										
Formosa		80	0	0										
Hak-ka		65	0	0										
Swatow		170	0	0										
" Balance carried forward					445	0	0					£2,777	14	2
					2,009	18	1							
					767	16	1							
					£2,777	14	2							

L. M. ANDERSON, Hon. Treasurer.

HENRY J. WENHAM, Hon. Auditor.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AT MISSION STATIONS.

RECEIPTS.		AMOY.		FORMOSA.		HAK-KA.		SWATOW.		TOTAL.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balances from last account	4 2 10	32 13 0	2 2 2	10 0 5	48 18 5				
Remittances from home, as above	130 0 0	80 0 0	65 0 0	170 0 0	445 0 0				
Donations	3 6 8	—	—	—	3 6 8				
School Fees and Sales of Books, &c.	5 5 0	—	6 4 4	15 2 2	26 11 6				
Difference in Exchange	4 17 9	0 15 10	2 19 6	1 16 7	10 9 8				
			<u>£147 12 3</u>	<u>£113 8 10</u>	<u>£76 6 0</u>	<u>£196 19 2</u>	<u>£534 6 3</u>				
PAYMENTS.											
Ladies' Chinese Teachers	16 10 0	14 0 0	—	19 6 8	49 16 8				
Bible-women's Salaries and Expenses	13 10 0	—	3 10 0	34 5 10	51 5 10				
School Teachers' Salaries and School Expenses	75 11 0	33 9 0	34 12 2	102 16 6	246 8 8				
Repairs and Insurance of Ladies' Houses	—	3 6 8	—	8 2 7	11 9 3				
Rent, Repairs, or Furnishing of Schools	6 1 1	30 15 8	1 19 5	—	38 16 2				
Travelling Expenses	—	24 13 4	—	17 5 0	41 18 4				
Petty Expenses, Consular Fees, &c	3 8 1	2 5 10	—	6 18 2	12 12 1				
			<u>115 0 2</u>	<u>108 10 6</u>	<u>40 1 7</u>	<u>188 14 9</u>	<u>452 7 0</u>				
Balances carried forward	<u>32 12 1</u>	<u>4 18 4</u>	<u>33 4 5</u>	<u>8 4 5</u>	<u>81 19 3</u>				
			<u>£147 12 3</u>	<u>£113 8 10</u>	<u>£76 6 0</u>	<u>£196 19 2</u>	<u>£534 6 3</u>				

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For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries—						
Rev. T. J. Meyer ...	500	0	0			
Mr. Polan ...	100	0	0			
Dr. Kerr for 1887 ...	£250	0	0			
Balance on account 1886	5	0	0			
	255	0	0	855	0	0
Whitechapel Mission—						
Housekeeper's Wages ...	10	0	0			
Mission Expenses ...	36	13	9			
Rent ...	80	0	0			
Expenses of Reading Room ...	9	8	6	136	2	3
Morocco Mission—						
Interpreter's Salary and Expenses ...	70	16	0			
Rent and Repairs of Houses ...	38	1	1			
Medicines sent from England ...	20	10	9			
Bibles and Tracts ...	3	4	9			
Printing and Sundries ...	2	15	4			
Balance in hand ...	0	10	2			
	£217	8	1			
Balance from last year ...	£217	8	1			
Received for Medicine and Attendance ...	39	14	4	93	6	1
Widows and Orphans' Fund—						
Induction Fee, on account, Dr. Kerr	5	0	0			
Extra Premium for Residence Abroad						
(2 years) for Dr. Kerr ...	10	0	0	15	0	0
Proportion of Office Charges ...	74	16	2			
Travelling Expenses ...	7	8	9			
Synod Printing ...	8	10	0			
College Rent and Teas ...	3	1	8			
Few Notices ...	11	2	1	104	18	8
				1,204	7	0
Balance in Bank ...				247	2	1
				£1,451	9	1
Audited and found correct,						

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
February 20, 1888.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1887.

THE CONTINENTAL CHURCHES in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE, Dr. For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.

CONTINENTAL MISSIONS FUND.

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To Grants, viz. :—			
	£	s.	d.
Christian Missionary Church of Belgium	60	0	0
Evangelical Society of France	30	0	0
Geneva	25	0	0
"	25	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Union of the			
Free Churches of France	25	0	0
Rev. R. W. McAll's Mission, Paris	10	0	0
Evangelistic Work of the Welsh Cal-			
vinistic Methodists in Brittany	10	0	0
Free Church of Italy	25	0	0
Waldensian Church Mission	50	0	0
Spanish Evangelisation Society	40	0	0
Lisbon Mission	15	0	0
Bohemian and Moravian Evangelisation	30	0	0
Proportion of Office Charges	24	18	8
" Travelling Expenses	2	19	7
" Synod Printing	6	7	6
" College Rent and Teas	2	14	8
" Pew Notices	20	14	3
Special Objects :—	57	14	8
Remitted Treasurers, as per contra	107	7	6
Balance in Bank	485	2	2
	268	6	0
£753 8 2			
Audited and found correct, ROBT. A. McLEAN, Chartered Accountant, Auditor. 1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., February 20, 1888.			

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year	...	...	...
" Congregational Contributions :—			
Presbytery of Berwick	...	...	...
" Birmingham	...	...	...
" Bristol	...	...	...
" Carlisle	...	...	...
" Darlington	...	...	...
" Liverpool	...	...	...
" London	...	...	...
" Manchester	...	...	...
" Newcastle	...	...	...
" Northumberland	...	...	...
" Sabbath Schools	...	...	...
" Donations—			
A Friend	...	...	...
'N.T.' ...	...	...	...
Mrs. Drummond Paterson, per Mrs. Gill,	...	...	...
Redruth, on account of Lisbon Mission	0	5	0
Special Objects :—			
Christian Missionary Church of Belgium—			
Liverpool, St. George's	...	...	...
Reyner Trust Fund	...	...	...
Dr. Law's Livingstonia Mission—			
Birkenhead, St. Andrew's	...	...	...
Waldensian Church :—			
Congregational Contributions—			
Liverpool, Sefton Park	£25	0	0
London, Regent Square, per Mrs. Watson	...	25	0
London, St. John's Wood	86	13	6
Donation—			
Mrs. J. R. Robertson	...	5	0
Balance brought down	...	...	...
£753 8 2			
268 6 0			
91 13 6			
107 7 6			
E. & O. E. December 31, 1887.			
JNO. LEGGAT, Financial Secretary.			

THE COLLEGE FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Dr.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	772	1	9			
" Principal Chalmers' Salary for Year			
" Professor Graham's Salary for Year	650	0	0			
" Professor Gibbs' Salary for Year	650	0	0			
" Professor Elmslie's Salary for Year	400	0	0			
" Janitor's Wages, and House and Garden Expenses	500	0	0			
" Coals, Gas, and Water	2,200	0	0			
" Rates and Taxes	264	17	2			
" Income Tax and House Duty	103	4	5			
" Rent	68	1	11			
" Library	23	10	4			
" Fire Insurance	242	3	8			
" Printing Invitation to Inaugural Lecture	8	0	0			
" Advertising	6	15	0			
" Examination Board Expenses	3	14	9			
" Pew Notices	4	4	0			
" Printing	40	17	9			
" Proportion of Office Charges	11	2	0			
" Travelling Expenses	0	18	6			
" Synod Printing	62	6	10			
" Teas at Committee Meetings	37	2	11			
" Repairs on Building	13	0	0			
" Interest on overdrawn account	1	15	0			
				74	8	8			
				26	8	0			
				3,192	10	11			
				£3,964	12	8			
Balance brought down	1,318	7	7			
Audited and found correct,									
ROBT. A. McLEA, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.									
Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., February 20, 1888.									

By Congregational Contributions :—

Presbytery of Berwick	...	...	...	19	5	3			
" Birmingham	...	...	...	10	14	6			
" Bristol	...	...	...	27	17	5			
" Carlisle	...	...	...	18	8	9			
" Darlington	...	...	...	22	0	7			
" Liverpool	...	...	...	158	1	7			
" London	...	...	...	383	1	3			
" Manchester	...	...	...	40	0	8			
" Newcastle	...	...	...	68	16	2			
" Northumberland	...	...	...	21	14	4			
" Donations	...	...	...	770	0	6			
" College Trustees	...	...	...	33	1	0			
" Barbour Endowment, Interest on £10,000	...	...	...	1,113	14	0			
" North Staffordshire Ry. 5% Pref. Stock (less tax)	...	...	...	483	17	1			
" Rent from London Presbytery	...	...	...	60	0	0			
" Rent from Stables	...	...	...	60	0	0			
" Rent from Standing Committees	...	...	...	45	0	0			
" Students' Fees (first half)	...	...	...	165	0	0			
				80	12	6			
" Balance overdrawn	...	...	...	2,646	5	1			
				1,318	7	7			
				£3,964	12				

E. & O. E.

December 31, 1887

JNO. LEGGAT, Financial Secretary.

COLLEGE TRUST in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Rev. William Ballantyne, Secretary	...	10	0
" Balance transferred to College Fund	...	1,113	14
		0	0
By London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, One year and a half on £1,200 4 1/2 % Debenture Bonds, less Tax	78	9	5
" Do. One year on £2,060 4 % Stock, do.	79	14	9
" Gt. Eastern Ry., One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	38	14	2
" Midland Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	38	14	2
" South-Eastern Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	38	14	2
" London and North-Western Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	38	14	2
" Do. on £4,000 4 % Perpetual Deb. Stock, do.	154	16	8
" Gt. Western Ry., One year on £1,965 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	76	1	3
" Do. on £3,600 5 % Consolidated Preference Stock, do.	174	3	9
" Gt. Northern Ry., One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	38	14	2
" Caledonian Railway, One year on £1,000 4 % Deb. Stock, do.	38	15	4
" Victorian Government, One year on £240 7s. 5d. 4 % Inscribed, do.	9	6	3
" South Australian Government, One year on £242 2s. 5d. 4 % Inscribed, do.	9	7	7
" New South Wales Government, One year on £237 15s. 11d. 4 % Inscribed, do.	9	4	8
" Queensland Government, One year on £245 19s. 11d. 4 % Inscribed, do.	9	11	0
" 227 Strand, One year's Rent, to Michaelmas, 1887, do.	290	12	6
	£1,123	14	0

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COLLEGE TRUST CAPITAL ACCOUNT in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year	...	...	...
	178	13	4
	£178	13	4

Audited and found correct,
ROBT. A. MCLEAN, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., February 20, 1888.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1887.
JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

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For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.

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To paid Holders of Scholarships, as under—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Muter—						
First year, Mr. John T. Levens	...	30	0	0
McKerrow—						
Mr. W. Finlay	...	...	20	0	0	...
Gillespie—						
Mr. E. J. Gilchrist, M.A.	...	...	50	0	0	...
Anderson—						
Mr. W. Goldsworthy	...	...	25	0	0	...
Hamilton—						
Mr. W. D. Wright	...	...	40	0	0	...
Duncan—						
Mr. H. Crombie	...	...	25	0	0	...
Munro—						
Mr. W. J. Gomersall	...	...	20	0	0	...
Robertson—						
Mr. Edward Gunner	...	...	30	0	0	...
" Printing Prospectus and Examination Papers			240	0	0	
" Rev. W. Ballantyne's Expenses	...	...	3	9	0	
			3	0	0	
" Balance in Bank	...	...	246	9	0	
			181	12	4	
			<div>£428 1 4</div>			

By Balance from last year	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Muter Scholarships—						
One Year on £2,075 Great Northern Railway 4½ per cent. Preference Stock (less Tax)	90	7	2	...
McKerrow Scholarship—						
Proceeds of Chief Rent, per T. Hall, Esq.	19	11	5	...
Gillespie Scholarship—						
One Year on £1,000 Canadian 4 per Cent. Consolidated Stock (less Tax)	38	16	8	...
Anderson Scholarship—						
One Year on £500 Canadian 4 per Cent. Consolidated Stock (less Tax)	19	8	4	...
Hamilton and Duncan Scholarships—						
One Year on £1,450 Oude and Rohilkund Railway 5 per cent. (less Tax)	70	7	8	...
Munro Scholarship—						
One Year on £500 Madras Railway 5 per Cent. Stock (less Tax)	24	5	4	...
Robertson Scholarship—						
One Year on £877 2s. 4d. Indian Government 4 per Cent. Stock (less Tax)	38	9	4	...
Transfer from Barbour Suspense Account	20	0	0	...
—Deficiency in Anderson and Gillespie Scholarships	9	10	8	...
Income Tax returned...	330	16	7	...
			<div>£428 1 4</div>			

Audited and found correct,

ROBERT A. MCLEAN,

Chartered Accountant, Auditor.
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., February 20, 1888.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1887.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

By Balance from last year	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Muter Scholarships—						
One Year on £2,075 Great Northern Railway 4½ per cent. Preference Stock (less Tax)
McKerrow Scholarship—						
Proceeds of Chief Rent, per T. Hall, Esq.	90	7	2
Gillespie Scholarship—						
One Year on £1,000 Canadian 4 per Cent. Consolidated Stock (less Tax)	19	11	5
Anderson Scholarship—						
One Year on £500 Canadian 4 per Cent. Consolidated Stock (less Tax)	38	16	8
Hamilton and Duncan Scholarships—						
One Year on £1,450 Onde and Rohilkund Railway 5 per cent. (less Tax)	19	8	4
Munro Scholarship—						
One Year on £500 Madras Railway 5 per Cent. Stock (less Tax)	70	7	8
Robertson Scholarship—						
One Year on £377 2s. 4d. Indian Government 4 per Cent. Stock (less Tax)	24	5	4
Transfer from Barbour Suspense Account	38	9	4
—Deficiency in Anderson and Gillespie Scholarships	20	0	0
Income Tax returned...	9	10	8
				330	16	7
			<div> <div>£428 1 4</div> </div>			

INSTRUCTION FUND.

(912)

THE INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
To Grants to Day Schools	24	18	8	By Balance from last year ...	...	101	12	4
" Proportion of Office Charges	9	12	4	" Congregational Contributions :—	...	...	...	...
" " Travelling Expenses	15	13	0	Presbytery of Berwick ...	...	13	16	11
" " Synod Printing	3	1	8	" " Birmingham ...	...	4	12	1
" " College Rent and Teas	12	6	10	" " Bristol ...	...	4	0	0
" Pew Notices	" " Carlisle ...	...	6	15	4
" Shorter Catechism Prizes	65	12	6	" " Darlington ...	...	9	4	4
" Bible Band Scheme Expenses	29	2	2	" " Liverpool ...	...	36	5	10
" Higher Instruction Scheme Expenses —	...	5	12	0	" " London ...	...	139	12	4
Prizes	16	9	0	" " Manchester ...	...	27	12	2
Diplomas and Certificates	21	14	4	" " Newcastle ...	...	34	12	10
Medals	1	19	0	" " Northumberland ...	...	13	16	4
Reports and Syllabus	15	15	0	" Sabbath Schools ...	...	290	8	2
Examination Papers and Stationery	13	18	1	" Donations ...	...	5	14	0
Postages and Carriage	6	19	8	" Donations on account of Shorter Catechism	...	9	0	0
Travelling Expenses of Examiner	1	10	0	Prize Fund... ..	...	...	...	...
" Balance in Bank	78	5	1	" Donations on account of Essay Prizes ...	...	31	14	0
		346	16	0	" Fees received on account of Examinations :—	...	10	0	0
		104	9	6	From Hulme Cliff College ...	...	2	1	0
		£451	5	6	" " Harley House ...	...	0	16	0
					" Balance brought down ...	...	2	17	0
							£451	5	6
							104	9	6

Audited and found correct,

1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., ROBT. A. MCLEAN,
February 20, 1888. Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

E. & O. E.
December 31, 1887.
JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

THE SYNOD FUND in account with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

Dr.

For Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Travelling Expenses of Members of Synod to Meeting in Manchester, 1887, viz. :—						
Presbytery of Berwick ..	32	18	9			
" Birmingham ..	22	13	8			
" Bristol ..	21	8	8			
" Carlisle ..	30	16	3			
" Darlington ..	34	19	8			
" Liverpool ..	42	14	3			
" London ..	189	19	2			
" Manchester ..	16	15	9			
" Newcastle ..	96	4	2			
" Northumberland ..	57	10	0			
Deputations to United Presbyterian Synod	12	15	4			
" Welsh Assembly ..	2	3	0			
" Irish ..	4	19	0			
" Fecura Council ..	2	6	8			
" Waldensian Synod ..	5	0	0			
" Belgian Synod ..	5	0	0			
" Reformed Church of France	7	10	0			
" Evangelical Society of Geneva	2	10	0			
Honorarium and Allowance to Clerk	42	4	0			
" Printing Reports, Actings, Proceedings, &c.	80	0	0			
" incidental Expenses ..	152	0	0			
" Copying Presbytery Minutes ..	7	15	7			
" Writing Address to the Queen ..	15	16	8			
" Rent of Safe ..	1	5	0			
" Printing Pastoral Letter ..	6	0	0			
" Proportion of Office Charges ..	35	2	6			
" Travelling Expenses ..	249	7	2			
" Teas at College ..	75	6	3			
" Expenses of Special Committees—	1	15	0			
Confession of Faith ..	20	8	6			
Soldiers and Sailors ..	3	0	0			
Law and Historical Documents ..	0	11	0			
Sabbath Observance, repaid by J. T. Morton, Esq., in 1888	13	16	10			
Counsel's fee <i>re</i> Declaratory Statement ...	37	16	4			
" Contribution towards loss of 'Presbyterian Messenger' as ordered by the Synod...	53	12	9			
Balance in Bank ..	150	0	0			
	1,454	1	7			
	110	13	0			
	£1,564	14	7			
Audited and found correct,						
ROBT. A. McLEAN, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.						
1 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., February 20, 1888.						
By Balance from last year	...	...	...	£	s.	d.
" Congregational Contributions :—	...	...	...	81	9	5
Presbytery of Berwick ..	...	...	...
" Birmingham ..	...	...	...	55	9	6
" Bristol ..	...	...	...	41	0	0
" Carlisle ..	...	...	...	44	0	0
" Darlington ..	...	...	...	38	0	2
" Liverpool ..	...	...	...	63	18	0
" London ..	...	...	...	244	3	0
" Manchester ..	...	...	...	540	11	0
" Newcastle ..	...	...	...	152	0	6
" Northumberland ..	...	...	...	207	6	6
Blue Books sold	...	...	...	1,446	8	8
Donations on account of Historical Essay	...	...	...	5	12	6
George Duncan, Esq., for reprint of Pas-	...	...	...	21	4	0
total Letter ..	...	...	...	10	0	0
Balance brought down	£1,564	14	7
E. & O. E.	110	13	0
December 31, 1887.	JNO. LEGGAT,		
	Financial Secretary.		

SYNOD FUND

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SUMMARY OF SYNODICAL FUNDS.

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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FOR SYNODICAL FUNDS.

	1887.		1886.		1885.		1884.		1883.		1882.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Sustentation Fund :—												
Aid from Congregations, and Donations ...	5,332	14 8	5,337	1 5	5,526	18 6	5,600	8 8	5,895	9 10	6,137	12 1
Reserve Fund (Legacy) ...	500	0 0	—	—	200	0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mutur Interest ...	680	17 2	754	11 6	733	8 2	800	17 3	764	8 11	727	8 2
Interest on Reserve ...	24	13 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	6,538	4 10	6,091	12 11	6,460	6 8	6,401	5 11	6,659	18 9	6,865	0 3
Home Mission ...	1,765	10 7	1,741	17 8	1,825	14 3	1,586	1 0	2,798	3 0	1,960	8 11
Church Building and Debt												
Extinction ...	934	19 6	1,747	12 7	*7,421	2 9	832	16 5	1,096	15 3	210	8 6
Foreign Missions ...	15,806	13 6	17,887	11 8	17,887	0 0	17,131	4 1	16,425	0 7	16,662	7 10
Jewish Mission ...	1,257	15 4	1,327	8 10	788	19 4	859	1 1	881	16 4	900	15 3
Continental Missions ...	445	6 11	502	18 11	448	9 1	498	10 8	528	12 9	613	5 8
Aged and Infirm Ministers ...	1,289	5 9	496	11 5	295	6 5	362	3 8	300	1 2	301	3 11
Widows and Orphans ...	4,201	3 8	3,384	0 4	3,581	3 0	3,470	7 8	3,139	15 10	3,967	12 8
College ...	2,646	5 1	3,089	14 10	†9,252	17 2	3,402	7 0	3,478	2 4	12,865	15 5
Scholarships ...	310	16 7	380	10 11	392	13 2	365	15 2	395	14 2	408	4 5
Barbour Scholarships ...	187	8 8	166	16 6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Instruction of Youth ...	349	13 2	368	19 5	311	18 10	261	12 11	268	3 9	158	9 3
Synod Fund ...	1,483	5 2	1,437	16 10	1,409	7 10	1,404	19 3	1,372	12 5	1,364	11 0
Union Thanksgiving ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	232	0 0	4,118	16 4
	£37,216	8 9	38,623	12 10	50,074	18 6	36,576	4 10	37,576	16 4	50,396	19 5

(*) Including Legacy of £5,000.
(†) " " Legacies £6,000.

OVERTURES.

I. MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY.

From Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

AT Newcastle, the third day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight Years; at which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle being met and duly constituted:

Inter alia,—

The Clerk moved that the Presbytery adopt and transmit the following Overture:—

‘Whereas the chief ends of the Ministry are the salvation of sinners, and the edification of the body of Christ; and

‘Whereas from various causes these ends are not attained, whereby the interests of the Church suffer, our Congregations are weakened, and the progress of the cause of Christ hindered:

‘It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Newcastle to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in the City of Newcastle in April next, to take the premises into consideration, and to devise such remedies as may be deemed wise and necessary.’

This was seconded by Rev. J. Parker. Rev. J. B. Hastings moved the previous question, which Rev. W. Stuart seconded. On being put to the court, 23 voted for the first motion, and 10 for the second. The first motion thus became the finding of the court. The Clerk and Rev. W. T. Bankhead were appointed to support the Overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Newcastle by

JAMES MACKENZIE, *Clerk.*

II. SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

1. From Presbytery of London.

AT the College, Queen Square House, London, the tenth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight Years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted:

Inter alia,—

The following Overture was submitted by the Rev. Dr. McCaw, and on his Motion adopted and transmitted:—

‘Whereas systematic, proportionate, and conscientious giving to the cause of Christ is a sacred duty; and whereas there is reason to believe that that cause is seriously suffering owing to a widespread neglect of this duty, it is humbly overtured by this Presbytery of London that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England at its ensuing meeting take the premises into consideration, and, either by the reappointment of a Committee on Christian Giving, or by some other effectual method, use means to keep the subject of Christian liberality steadily and prominently before the mind of the Church.’

Dr. McCaw, with Mr. R. T. Turbull, were appointed to support the Overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

2. *From Presbytery of Liverpool.*

AT the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, Liverpool, the twelfth day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight Years; the which day and place the Presbytery of Liverpool met and was duly constituted:

Inter alia,—

On the Motion of the Rev. R. H. Lundie, the Presbytery agreed to transmit the following Overture to the Synod, and appointed Mr. Lundie and Dr. Symington to support the same:—

‘Whereas the subject of Systematic Christian Giving is one vitally affecting the welfare and usefulness of the Church, and whereas it is a subject which requires to be kept steadily and by various means before the Church, it is humbly overtured by the Rev. the Presbytery of Liverpool, to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on April 30, to take these premises into their consideration, and again remit the subject to the care of a special committee.’

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Liverpool by

GEO. JOHNSTONE, *Pres. Clerk.*

3. *From Presbytery of Manchester.*

AT Manchester, and within 100 Corporation Street, the ninth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven Years; which time and place the Presbytery of Manchester being met, and duly constituted:

Inter alia,—

It was moved by the Rev. J. I. McGaw, and seconded by the Rev. Benjamin Bell, that the following Overture be transmitted to the Synod, viz.:

‘Whereas systematic, proportionate, and conscientious giving to the cause of Christ is a sacred duty, and whereas there is reason to believe that that cause is seriously suffering owing to a wide-spread neglect of this duty, it is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Manchester that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, at its ensuing meeting, take the premises into consideration, and either by the re-appointment of a Committee on Christian giving, or by some other effectual method, use means to keep the subject of Christian liberality steadily and prominently before the mind of the Church.’

The Motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Revs. J. I. McGaw and Benjamin Bell were appointed to support the Overture at the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Manchester by

JOHN GORDON, *Pres. Clerk.*

III. SEAT OF THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

From Presbytery of Liverpool.

AT the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, Liverpool, the ninth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight Years; at which day and place the Presbytery of Liverpool met and was duly constituted:

Inter alia,—

On the Motion of Mr. Samuel Stitt, the Presbytery agreed to transmit the following Overture to the Synod, and appointed Mr. Stitt, Rev. Dr. McLeod, and the Clerk to support the same:—

‘Whereas, in the providence of God the way has been opened for the full consideration of matters affecting the interests of the College:

- ‘Whereas the National Universities of Oxford and Cambridge have been thrown open and restrictions been removed so that Nonconformists may now obtain freely the privileges and advantages for which they so long struggled :
‘Whereas, in the judgment of many it would conduce greatly to the advantage of the College, as well as to the interests of the Church, that the College should be transferred to Cambridge :
‘It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Liverpool to the Very Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, April 30, to take these premises into their consideration, and if they see cause, remit it to a Committee for transmission to Presbyteries with instructions to report to the Synod of 1889.’

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Liverpool by

GEO. JOHNSTONE, *Pres. Clerk.*

IV. DIVISION OF PRÉSBYTERY OF LONDON.

From Presbytery of London.

The College Hall, Queen Square House, the fourteenth day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight Years ; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted :

Inter alia,—

The Rev. Dr. Fraser moved, and the Presbytery resolved, that the following Overture be transmitted to the Synod :—

‘Whereas the Presbytery of London has grown to a size which is quite disproportionate to other Presbyteries of the Church, and unfavourable to the satisfactory conduct of business :

‘It is hereby respectfully overtured by the said Presbytery to the Synod appointed to meet at Newcastle-on-Tyne in April 1888, that it is expedient to divide the Presbytery of London into two Presbyteries of London, the dividing-line being that of the River Thames ; but that, from considerations of convenience, the Congregations at Reading and Aston Tyrrold, though situated on the south side of the river, shall be included in the Northern Presbytery, to which shall also be attached the Congregations at Singapore and Rangoon.’

Further resolved—That the Moderator (Mr. Taylor) and Dr. Fraser be appointed to appear at the Synod in support of this Overture.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

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